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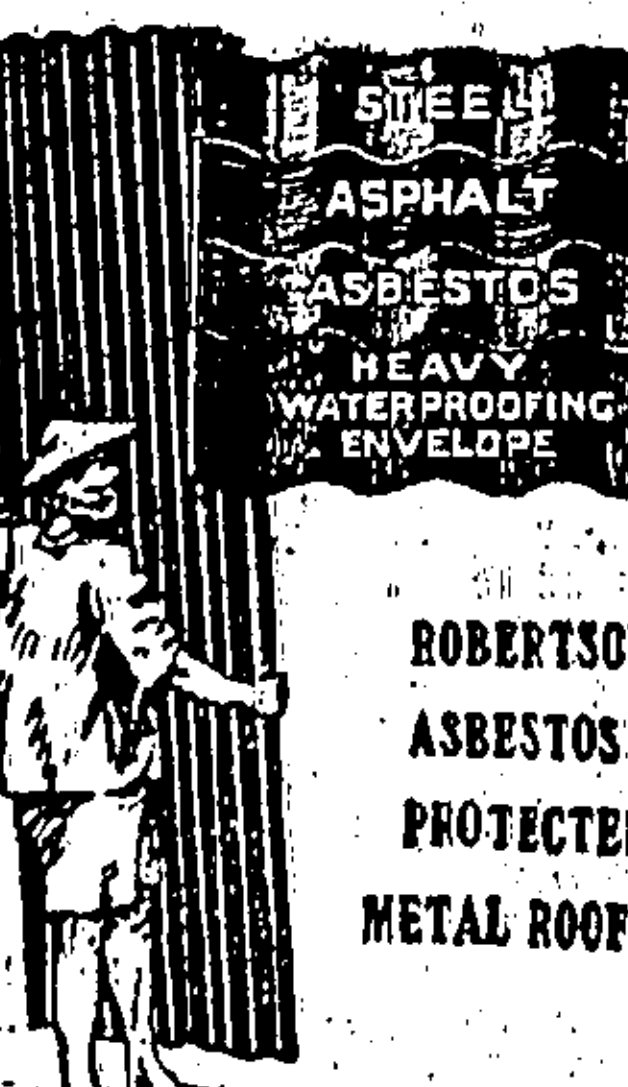
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"DISHONEST CHANGE OF CASE" ALLEGED.

JUDGE DISAGREES.

"There has been a marked change in the presentation of the plaintiff's case, which must raise doubts as to the honesty of the case which is now before Your Lordship," said Mr. F. C. Jenkin in the course of his morning's hearing of the Moxon and Taylor (claimants for an alleged loan of \$37,500) v. Man Chuen Bank Supreme Court action.

Mr. Jenkin said that at the outset he had given his case as the denial of the allegation that this money was lent on June 6 by Lammerets as agents in any shape or form, and indicated that his evidence would be to substantiate this.

"As regards the plaintiff's case," said Mr. Jenkin, "I think that you will agree with me that there was no document upon which, on coming into this court I could possibly have conceived that the plaintiff's case would have been opened as any other than that Lammerets were the plaintiff's agents only and not the defendants."

In this connection, Mr. Jenkin quoted the letter of the plaintiff's solicitors, Johnson, Stokes and Master, in which Lammerets were referred to as the agents of Moxon and Taylor and the sworn affidavit of Mr. Ross, again referring to Lammerets as the agents of Moxon and Taylor. And Mr. Ross, added Mr. Jenkin, had come to this conclusion as a result of statements from members of Lammerets' firm. In a further statement by Mr. Ross it would be seen that Mr. Ross, whereas he had been proceeding against the Man Chuen Bank on behalf of Lammerets as principals in the case, at the time he made the statement was satisfied that Lammerets were agents and that, as he had been carrying on under a misapprehension, he withdrew and left Moxon and Taylor to carry on.

His Lordship: Taking this statement by itself there is nothing to show, as that Mr. Ross meant that Lammerets were acting as the agents of the plaintiffs.

Mr. Jenkin: But taking the previous part he had played in the conduct of Lammerets' affairs, it is the only logical conclusion.

Mr. Ross was a professional man of some experience in the Colony and it was inconceivable that he should wholly have misapprehended a very simple case indeed, added Mr. Jenkin.

Mr. Jenkin went on to say that in view of these statements by the solicitors of Moxon and Taylor and of Mr. Ross he had been taken completely by surprise at the opening of the case for Moxon and Taylor. Such a case had never occurred to him that Lammerets would be held to be the agents of the Man Chuen Bank.

When the question of the rights of the parties had been considered preliminary in chambers the point had never been raised.

Mr. Jenkin claimed that this change in the presentation of the plaintiff's case was deliberate and wholly inconsistent with its previous conduct and that that fact must point to there being something wrong with the statement of what the plaintiff's case really was on June 6 when the loan was alleged to have been made.

"It must raise doubt as to the honesty of the present case put before Your Lordship," Mr. Jenkin further stated, "and in saying that I wish to make it clear that I do not involve anybody who is merely concerned with presenting the case to Your Lordship."

His Lordship: As a measure of law (apart from the question of honesty) the case for the plaintiffs would be equally strong if they had held that Lammerets had been merely acting as their agents. They could have substantiated this and if they were dishonest why did they not go on with it?

Mr. Jenkin: Because there was an obvious danger in such a course, namely that of it being defeated by the set off by the Man Chuen Bank in respect of Lammerets' indebtedness to them.

His Lordship: But that danger disappeared as you did not raise that issue in your pleadings.

Mr. Jenkin: That is true, I did not.

His Lordship added that he did not see any reason for the use of the term "dishonest change."

Mr. Jenkin, continuing his opening address for the defendants prior to calling evidence, said that

BOMB INCIDENT.

TWO VICTIMS RECOVER IN HOSPITAL.

INQUIRIES CONTINUED.

Although there has been no official pronouncement, it is learned that the Criminal Intelligence Department is leaving no avenue unexplored in following up the bomb case at Huiyehong.

Of the eight victims, one (as previously reported) succumbed to his injuries. Two others have now recovered and have been discharged from hospital. Of the remainder, it is thought that they will have fair chances of surviving.

A rumour is current—but not confirmed—that after following up a series of clues, a young Chinese lady was detained and questioned. Whether she could throw any light on the matter is not known. It is also difficult to say if further developments will follow.

ARMS CASE.

CHINESE SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS.

A FORTUNATE ARREST.

With Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson sitting together at the Central Magistracy this morning, two Chinese were charged with unlawful possession of arms. The case was formally mentioned on Saturday by Detective Sub-Inspector Shannon when he obtained a remand. Defendants were arrested on the Hungshom Ferry wharf on the Hongkong side.

The charge against the first defendant was one of possession of 100 rounds of ammunition inside a brass pot. He pleaded guilty.

Two automatic pistols, hidden in a tin which in turn was found inside a cloth bag formed the subject of the charge against the second defendant, a coolie. He pleaded he was not aware that the bag contained arms and was asked to carry it from a boarding house at West Point.

Sub-Inspector Shannon mentioned that apparently this was so, as the man wanted to fight with the first defendant when the discovery was made.

The first defendant admitted that the weapons also belonged to him, and the charge was amended accordingly. He said that he was a seafaring man and brought the arms long ago in an endeavour to sell them.

First defendant was sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour. The other defendant's plea that he was an innocent carrier was accepted and he was discharged.

FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in their League game with the East Surreys to-morrow (Wednesday) on the Sookumpoo ground (kick-off 4.45 p.m.):—Rodger, Gerrard, and Bishop; Summers, Howard, and Watson; Pile, Fosyth, Brodie, MacBride, and Morrison.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club against the East Surrey Regiment to-morrow (Wednesday), at 5.15 p.m., sharp at the U.S.R.C.—S. H. Garrod, E. W. Hamilton, C. H. R. Oxlade, A. S. Hettr, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, R. K. Valentine, E. Forster, E. D. Lawrence, W. Woodward, and B. D. Evans.

A Chinese boy jumping from a tram car near the Leighton Hill Road corner was knocked down by a motor car driven by Mr. M. H. Arnold, of the Hongkong Electric Company, yesterday. He got up and ran away.

From June 5 up to the week ending November 6, every document which had come into existence pointed to Lammerets being principals in their dealings with the Man Chuen Bank and not agents in any shape or form.

POWERS MOVE.

INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPS MUST CEASE.

THREE DAYS' NOTICE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 15.

The Legations of the Protocol Powers have instructed their Naval Attaches at Tientsin to notify the Taku forts authorities that unless within three days the mines are removed from the channel and interference with foreign shipping ceases, they reserve the right to take the necessary action themselves.

Sterner action was originally proposed. There was some divergence of opinion between the Legations, the British being of opinion that a lenient policy was advisable unless foreign lives were actually threatened.

Question in the Commons.

London, March 15. In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, outlined the situation arising out of the Chinese Nationalist Commander of the forts at Taku closing the Tientsin river.

He said that full effect had not been given to the demands of the Protocol Powers in this connection, and the Government was consulting with His Majesty's Minister in Peking in regard to the situation.

Text of Note.

Peking, March 10.

The Diplomatic Body's Note was handed to the Waichiaopou this afternoon.

Mr. Oudendijk, the Senior Minister, on behalf of his colleagues, earnestly draws attention to the fact that according to statements of the local Chinese authorities at Tientsin, a series of ten electrically controlled mines has been placed in the Taku Channel near the Spit Point Battery, where the channel is only 500 feet wide, and that pilots have been notified that shipping will not be allowed to come in or go out. The port of Tientsin is thus completely closed to the sea.

It further appears, the Note continues, that the Tsingtao naval expedition and the Kuominchun forces stationed on the site of the south Taku forts continue to be engaged in an artillery duel, which of itself prevents safe navigation of the Taku Channel, while the hostilities between the Kuominchun and the Fengtien forces have caused the railway to be cut between Tientsin and Chinwangtao.

In these circumstances "communications between Peking and the sea are entirely interrupted in violation of the provisions of the Protocol of 1901." The diplomatic representatives of the aforementioned protest most urgently against this state of affairs and demand that the Government of China bring about immediate cessation of both mutually hostile factions and armed forces of China of these acts of obstruction to open communication to the sea through the Taku Channel, reserving to themselves to collaborate for protection of foreign shipping and the maintenance of free access to the port of Tientsin should the Chinese Government fail to take forthwith action to that end in fulfilment of the purposes of the Protocol of 1901.

No Force.

Tientsin, March 15.

With reference to the notice to be served on the rival factions at Taku, it is now stated that should this be carried out it will not be accompanied by threats or forcible measures in the event of non-compliance, as the serving of the notice was not unanimously agreed to by the Home Governments.

His Majesty's sloop Foxglove is still at Tientsin. The Carlisle arrived at Taku yesterday afternoon.

Japan's Attitude.

Tokyo, March 15. The Cabinet has postponed its decision regarding the demands over the Taku Incident, owing to a desire to await Chinese reaction to the Allied Note.

It is understood that the Cabinet agreed to a "friendly" independent action with China, not holding China responsible, but asking for punishment of the guilty Chinese who fired on the Japanese destroyers, and also adequate remuneration of the wounded and a pledge that there would be no future occurrences of the kind.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

GOLF CLUB LOSSES.

EUROPEAN LADY'S WATCH STOLEN.

COOLIE CONVICTED.

A young Chinese employed as a coolie at the Golf Club at Deep Water Bay was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with the larceny of a gold wristlet watch, the property of Miss Dorothy Jane Tassell, of Mt. Davis.

Miss Tassell stated in evidence that she left the watch inside a bag left in the ladies' dressing room at the Club house while she was out on the links, and when she returned the article was missing.

Other evidence taken showed that he took the watch to his mother with a story that he had bought it. While maintaining that he found the watch in a gutter under a bridge, defendant said that he had to tell his mother a lie for fear of getting a beating.

Sergeant F. James, of the Aberdeen Police Station, said that since the defendant secured employment at the Club several thefts of money had been reported by Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews, the secretary of the Golf Club. Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

CHINESE TRADER FINED \$10,000.

SATURDAY'S ARREST.

A Chinese trader from Fukien Province was arrested at the Kwong Wing Wharf on Saturday following the discovery of 125 taels of prepared non-Government opium in the false bottom of a basket. The seizure was valued at \$15,000. Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke charged the trader before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with unlawful possession of the drug. Defendant pleaded guilty and stated that he was on his way from Amoy to Annam.

Defendant was fined \$10,000, or twelve months' hard labour in default.

U. S. Destroyers.

Manila, March 16. The destroyers McCormick, Bulmer, Edsall, and Simpson, left for Shanghai and Taku yesterday. The Parrot and McLeish leave to-day.

Capitulation.

Hankow, March 16. The capitulation of Sin Yang Chow seems finally accomplished. Hostilities on all fronts at Honan have concluded.

Indiscriminate Firing.

Peking, March 9. All steamer traffic into and from the river at Taku has ceased, according to reports from Tientsin this morning. The Taku forts during the last few days have been firing indiscriminately at all shipping coming within range and the pilot boat on duty off the bar decided yesterday to approach the forts and ask the Kuominchun to explain the position. The latter replied that no vessels would be permitted to leave or to enter the river until further notice.

The pilot boat was fired on as it approached the fort but received no injury.

It is understood that the Diplomatic Body will take the matter up with the Chinese Government as soon as all the facts are learned.

The leading lights and the tide signal lights have been extinguished by the Kuominchun, who have occupied the signal station.

A later report states that ten mines have been laid from the spitboat to the mole, which is the only navigable channel at the mouth of the river.

The Norwegian steamer "Hubrow" successfully ran the gauntlet yesterday. Though shelled by the forts in addition to being fired on with rifles and machine-guns, the vessel suffered no serious injury. The Japanese steamer "Tenchō Maru," which is carrying passengers and mails, attempted to cross the bar during the bombardment but turned back.

CANTON IMPASSE.

MEDIATION REPORTED SUCCESSFUL.

FOURTH ARMY'S POSITION.

Through the good offices of Dr. C. C. Wu, mediation is reported to have succeeded and to have brought an end to the recent impasse in Canton politics.

As has been hinted, the Fourth Army was concerned with rumours alleging opposition to General Cheung Kai-shhek.

A vernacular report says that a circular telegram has been drafted, to be issued by General Li Chai-sunt (commanding the Fourth Army), denying association with a previous rumour which was attributed to originate from subordinate officers in that army.

Terms are also mentioned whereby General Li is practically to be given complete autonomy in the southern part of the province and along the West River—these places being at present under his control.

(General Li commands three divisions—about 10,000 or 15,000 bayonets—but one of the divisions is under Major-General Chan Ming-shu, who is an ardent adherent of General Chang.)

The "terms" indicated include powers over fiscal control, and the appointment of military, civil, or party officials.

HOSPITAL CASES.

CHINESE LAD'S FATAL FALL.

STRANGE INCIDENTS.

As the result of severe injuries to the head in a fall from a moving tram car at Des Vaux Road West yesterday, a Chinese lad died shortly after admission at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday.

According to the evidence of an eye-witness, the lad was apparently subject to fits and dropped into the road while he was standing at the rear portion of the car.

A Strange Find.

Station Officer Saunders, of the Kowloon Fire Brigade, rescued a Chinese woman from a sewer at Argyle Street yesterday. She had crawled inside the sewer and was found to have received injuries to the head.

The woman was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital where she was identified as a patient who had been under observation before.

Struck by Chopper.

A Chinese was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday with a severe wound on the right side of the face. It was alleged that the man was on the ground floor of No. 30, Possession Street, when a chopper was thrown from the floor above.

TOURISTS' VISIT.

INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR "RESOLUTE."

TO-DAY'S ACTIVITIES.

Inclement weather to-day has spoiled the visit of the world tourists who arrived yesterday by the "Resolute."

Only fifteen made the trip to Macao this morning. Parties were conducted over the New Territories while others rambled about by themselves. As usual, the local shops are making special arrangements to cope with trade.

The "Resolute" is due to leave on Thursday. Her dimensions are given as: length 815 feet; beam 73 feet; draft 58 feet; gross tonnage 20,000 tons.

To-morrow the "Laconia" is expected and the "Franconia" on Monday or Tuesday, with further batches of sightseers.

An accountant who was entrusted by a shopkeeper of Bonham Strand with a sum of \$763 to pay to another shop is alleged to have absconded with the money.

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A. E. BARLOW, Esq., Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January 1925.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

ANTI-COMBINE ACT.

Sensational Case in Canada.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Vancouver, March 14.

Eight fruit produce firms, representing the Canadian organization of a large United States Produce Company, with headquarters at Saint Paul, were fined \$25,000 each under the Canadian Anti-Combine Act.

The jury considered their verdict for two days, and the case provided one of the most sensational and largest trials in the history of Western Canada.

Eleven individuals and 42 western fruit produce firms were indicted. The organization largely controlled the markets of the western provinces.

GOLD SHIPMENTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 14.

The Finance Department states that it is resuming gold shipments in April or May.

FRENCH REVENUE.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, March 14.

The revenue returns for February totalled F2,279,000,000 against F1,952,000,000 for the same month last year.

PRICES CURRENT.

Chamber of Commerce Report.

Flour Market Stock: About 550,000 sacks.

American Patent \$4.25
American Straight 3.50
American Cut-off 3.45
Shanghai Flour 3.35
Australian No. 1 3.50
Canadian Cut-off 2.95

WOOLLENS.

Nothing to report.

RAW COTTON.

No change to report.

METALS.

Spot business stagnant, with few enquiries forward.

WINDOW GLASS.

Local stocks plentiful.

SUGAR.

The market is dull for both Java, Hilo, and Manila varieties.

SALTPETRE.

Sale of 1200 bags is reported. Stock consists of 9,000 bags. Market is slightly improved since last report.

YARN MARKET.

The State of Depression.

Messrs. Polshwalla & Kotwall in their report dated March 13, say:

The condition of the Yarn Market continues in the same depressed state as it has been for some time past, and so long as the political situation in the interior shows no improvement or abatement, we can see no hope of any improvement in the near future.

There has been a steady fall in prices since we last issued our Report, aggravated by the steady decline of American Cotton. What makes the position still worse is the fact that overdue contracts show quite heavy losses on the present level of values.

Bombay market also prices decline to a considerable extent. Total Sales are hardly (800) bales all told. Unsold Stock 7,000 bales. Bargain in Chinese hands 4,000 bales.

No. 10—Assur Veerjee, \$177; Dawn, \$176; Berla, \$170; Mayer Sassoon, \$178; Bradbury, \$183; Phoenix (Cow Ticket) R, \$188; Connaught, \$172; Poonix (Vase Ticket) M, \$171; David, \$180; Presidency, \$163 and Sun Mill, \$174.

No. 12—China, \$172; Finlay, \$189; Connaught, \$175; Moon, \$184; Dawn, \$185; Pubany, various colors, \$185 and Fazalbhoy, \$188.

Shanghai—Small business has been reported at lower prices.

Japanese Yarn—Prices are also lower under this head, with poor sales.

The following are the quotations for Spot Yarn—Nagasaki No. 20, \$204; Nagasaki No. 10, \$183; 3 Horses No. 18, \$195; 3 Horses No. 20, \$201; Yellow Joss No. 20, \$201; Setau No. 10, \$188; Setau No. 20, \$208; Blue Fish No. 12, \$190; Blue Fish No. 20, \$208.

Raw Cotton—No Stock.

Quotations—Bengal \$47 to \$51 per picul; Chinese \$50 to \$56 per picul.

ESTATE OF W. J. BRYAN.

(Associated Press.)

Miami (Fla.), March 8.

Official appraisal of the estate of William Jennings Bryan to-day placed upon it a valuation of \$668,330.

The late Mr. William J. Bryan, who was once an aspirant for the U.S. presidency.

The properties included "The Commoner," a weekly newspaper published at Lincoln, Neb., and real estate.

RUBBER ROMANCE.

British Grit and a Great Industry.

America, crying out against the price of rubber, probably does not realize that, had it not been for the foresight and initiative of three Britons, she would have had to seek far for the material wherewith to tyre her multitudes of motor-cars.

The story of the "Plantation, Cultivation, and Curing of Para Indian Rubber" is told by Sir H. A. Wickham, (Kegan Paul, 1908). It is a real romance, showing how the trees were introduced into the Eastern tropics from those of the West.

The Jungle Plant.

In its native jungle near the Amazon, the Para rubber tree does not come to such perfection as when cultivated. Sir Henry Wickham gives several reasons. For one, the seeds are very heavy and instead of scattering far and wide on the bursting of the seed pod, they fall thickly to the ground in a circumscribed area. Then the seed lying on the ground is attractive food for all the four-footed creatures of the forest, who devour it greedily. In fact—

"In its own forests it owes its preservation, as I think, to the protective fact only that the exceedingly venomous and large surucucu snakes are in the habit of lying in wait about the base of these trees in seedling time and so ward off Agouti and other rodents."

Sir Henry—then Mr. Wickham—began as early as the 'sixties to consider the feasibility of introducing the pure Para rubber of commerce into India. But as he says, in those days he was before his time, and "a voice crying in the wilderness." Sneers were levelled at the idealist who would make a commercial proposition out of a "jungle forest tree," and everywhere he met with indifference if not with active opposition. Fortunately, Mr. Wickham met a kindred spirit in Sir Joseph Hooker, the head of Kew Gardens. For some time past he also had been giving thought to the possibility of the introduction of the tree into India. So Mr. Wickham was able to interest him and enlist his support. Sir Joseph's growing keenness, succeeded in interesting Sir Clements Markham of the India Office. With the final result that Mr. Wickham was given a free hand to see what he could do in the matter.

"Taken at the Flood."

Mr. Wickham had been planting for himself near Santarem. He knew he could obtain the seed, but the matter of transport to Europe was the difficulty. While still seeking a solution of the problem, the few European planters on the Amazon were astounded by the news of the arrival on the great river of a fully-equipped ocean liner, the s.s. "Amazonas," the first of the new human line. Then occurred the chance of a lifetime.

There came the news that Captain Murray of the "Amazonas" had been abandoned by the two gentlemen supercargoes he carried, after they had given instructions to land all the trade goods with which the ship had been freighted ostensibly for the purchase of the next rubber crop, which was to be the return freight. So Captain Murray was left with all kinds of goods on his hands. Mr. Wickham had no easy available, but he knew he might never get another chance like this. He therefore wrote boldly to the captain, chartering the ship on behalf of the Government of India, and appointing a day to meet him at the river mouth.

Quick Work.

There was no time to lose. At

once, with the help of Indians, Mr. Wickham began collecting the seed which was even then ripening and falling, loading it into Indian pannier baskets. The village maidens were also pressed into service to make openwork grates in which the seeds, first carefully dried in the shade to prevent them becoming too dry or rancid, were carefully packed between layers of dried leaves of the banana.

Mr. Wickham was working against time. He knew he could secure thousands more seeds; but in doing so he not only ran the risk of spoiling what he had gathered already but of missing Captain Murray at the mouth of the river. So he stowed his precious baskets in a canoe and set out. He found Captain Murray very grumpy, but a fresh anxiety now weighed on Mr. Wickham's mind. He knew they had to call at the port of Para, to get the ship's clearance before they could put out to sea. He also knew that Sir Clements Markham had had serious difficulty in getting Peruvian bark out of the country. Therefore he feared that if the Portuguese authorities once guessed the object of taking his packages to Europe he would be delayed and perhaps prohibited altogether.

Success At Last.

But fortune once more favoured the bold. A friend at court was found in the person of the British

Consul, who accompanied Mr. Wickham to the local "Excellency."

An interview most polite, full of mutual compliments in the best Portuguese fashion, and Mr. Wickham got away with his ship and cargo as soon as the dinghy had been hauled on board. He persuaded Captain Murray to put him ashore at Havre, whence he hurried to England in time to get Sir Joseph Hooker to send a night goods train to meet the ship at Liverpool docks.

June, 1876, was a time of commotion at Kew, as they were compelled to turn out the orchid and propagating houses for service, and to make room for the sudden and all-unexpected inroad of the rubber seeds; but Sir Joseph was not a little pleased. The seeds did not fail to respond to the care it had bestowed upon them. A fortnight afterwards the glass houses at Kew afforded (to me) a pretty sight—tier upon tier—rows of young rubber plants—7,000 and odd of them. The young seedlings were growing apace, so it was determined that they would be best dispatched to the "Eastern Tropical Botanic Gardens"—mainly to Caylon—as affording the best equipment. Being placed under the charge of a Kew man, they were put up in cases and dispatched down the Thames by barge to the British India liners at the river mouth.

And so a great industry was established.

WORLD'S SHIPPING.

America's Fourth Place.

From its rank of third in 1924 the United States dropped to fourth place in world shipbuilding activities during 1925, according to Lloyd's register of shipping. Italy stepped into the place vacated by the United States.

A net decrease in world construction of 54,347 tons between 1924 and 1925 was tabulated. A gain of nearly 100 per cent. in the tonnage devoted to tankers was reported. A sharp increase in the percentage of ships built during 1925 to be equipped with internal combustion engines was a feature.

Great Britain and Ireland continued to lead, with a tonnage total of 1,084,638. The United States launched but 128,776 tons. Gross construction during 1925 was more than 1,000,000 tons below the total figure for the last pre-war year, while it was nearly 5,000,000 tons below the peak year, 1919.

Keep It Handy.

Do not forget that there are more bottles sold each year of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy than of any other cough medicine. Have you a bottle of it in your home? It is good for the children and the grown-up too. Every user is a friend. For sale everywhere.

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.				Poultry.			
February 3, June, June, 1923, 1913, 1914.				February 3, June, June, 1923, 1913, 1914.			
		Cts.	Cts.			Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	82 24 12	Chicken	雞	lb.	85 80 81
Prime Cut	牛尾肥	"	82 23 12	Capon, Small	雞	"	60 28 80
Corned	牛肉	"	82 23 12	Capon, Large	雞	"	65 28 80
Roast	牛肉	"	82 24 22	Duck	鴨	"	43 22 81
Breast	牛肉	"	80 20 13	Doves	鴿	each	80 22 21
Soup	牛肉	"	28 20 13	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per oz.	30 13
Steak	牛肉	"	32 24 22	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	"	40 25 80
Steak Sirloin	牛肉	"	45 80 85	Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	72 38 24
Sausages	牛肉	"	40 28 20	Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	68 23
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15 10 12	Geese	鴨	"	62 24 24
Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	80 50 60	Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	48 80
Tongue, corned	牛舌	"	\$1.00 60	Holhoy	鴿	"	82 23
Head	牛頭	"	\$1.50	Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	\$1.00
Heart	牛心	lb.	24 13 14	Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	85 51 45
Hump, Salt	牛心	"	20 18	Snipe	沙	each	\$8
Feet	牛心	each	12 10 12	Phasant	山	pair	\$1.80
Kidneys	牛腰	"	15 10 12	Quail	鶉	"	85
Tail	牛尾	"	25 20 22	Partridges	鶉	"	\$1.50
Liver	牛肝	lb.	22 18 14				
Tripes	牛肚	"	12 6 7				
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭脚	set	\$1.20 \$1.00 \$1.00				
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	55 28				
Leg	羊腿	"	55 28				
Shoulder	羊肩	"	58 24				
Saddle	羊鞍	"	55				
Pig's Chindings	豬頭	"	40				
Brains	豬腦	Per set	3				
Feet	豬脚	lb.	20 15				
Fry	豬什	"	40 15 18				
Head	豬頭	"	24 20				
Heart	豬心	each	15 10 10				
Kidneys	豬腰	"	12 10 8				
Liver	豬肝	lb.	62 80 24				
Pork Chop	豬排	"	42 25 23				
Leg	豬腿	"	45				
Loin	豬腰	"	48 29 27				
Fat or Lard	豬油	"	26 21				
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭脚	per set	90 60 70				
Heart	羊心	each	15 8 7				
Kidneys	羊腰	"	15 12 10				
Liver	羊肝	"	55 28 25				
Sucking Pig, to order	羊乳	"	25 25 22				
Suet, Beef	鮮牛油	"	82 20 13				
Mutton	鮮牛油	"	55 26 24				
Veal	牛仔肉	"	36 20 19				
Sausages	牛仔腸	"	40 20 20				
No. 1.		"	32				

Fish.			
		lb.	
Barbel	魚	28 19 24	
Bream	魚	28 20 16	
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	魚	28 18 17	
Carp	魚	28 16 27	
Catfish	魚	20 12 9	
Codfish	魚	26 20 25	
Crabs	蟹	19 16 2	
Cuttle Fish	魚	65 23 16	
Dab	魚	20 10 9	
Dace	魚	10 10 8	
Dog Fish	魚	26 16	
Eels, Conger	魚	23 10 18	
Fresh Water	魚	75 26 80	
Frogs	魚	80 32 25	
Garoupa	魚	82 40 30	
Gudgeon	魚	24 18 15	
Herrings	魚	32 22 18	
Halibut	魚	23 18 23	
Labrus	魚	64 22 18	
Loach	魚	85 22 24	
Lobsters	魚	80 32 21	
Mackerel	魚	80 29 28	
Monk Fish	魚	42 33 28	
Mullet	魚	88 13 3	
Oysters	魚	40 18 22	
Parrot Fish	魚	80 14 9	
Perch	魚	38 20 15	
Pike	魚	20 16 9	
Plaice	魚	72 23 14	
Pomfret, Black	魚	45 23 29	
Pomfret, White	魚	50 39 30	
Prayns	魚	\$1.00 39 45	
Ray	魚	14 10 14	
Rock Fish	魚	82 13 18	
Seach	魚	40 22 16	
Salmon	魚	70 83 80	
Shark	魚	10 8 10	
Skate	魚	16 10 10	
Shrimps	魚	40 28 35	
Snapper	魚	80 33 30	
Soles	魚	42 28 30	
Tench	魚	80 22 12	
Turbot	魚	38 15 13	
Wilde, small fr. water	魚	\$1.40 40	

Fruits.			
		lb.	
Almonds	杏仁	60 35	
Apples California	金山	22 24	
Bananas (bride's)	燕山	6 4	
Carambola	楊梅	12	
Cocanuts	椰	14 10 10	
Lemons, China	檸檬	15 7	
Lemons (America)	金山	8 8	
Lichees, Dried	荔枝	30 25 80	
Oranges (Canton)	新會	15	
Oranges	新會	36	
Pears (Canton)	沙	12	
Peanuts	花生	14 10 13	
Persimmons, Large	紅	12	
Plantain	香蕉	5 8 4	
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅	14 12 6	
Walnuts	胡桃	15	
Grapes	葡萄	60	

Vegetables, &c.			
		each	
Artichokes	菜	10	
Beans, Sprout	豆	12 8	
Beet Root	紅	10	
Bitter Squash	青	6 5 9	
Brinjals, Green	瓜	9 5 8	
" Red	瓜	6 5 12	
Cabbage, Chinese	紅	15 12	
" (Shanghai)	紅	5	
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔴	13	
Cauliflower (Large)	大	15	
" (Medium)	中	10	
" (Small)	小	10	
Carrots	金	12 10 6	
Celery, Chinese	真	25 25 5	
Chillies, Dried	辣	20 10 15	
" Red	辣	18 8	
" Green	辣	10 10 10	
Curry Stuff, English	菜	each 6 2	
Cucumbers	黃	lb. 8 8	
Garlic	蒜	10 7	
Ginger, Young	姜	10 10	
" Old	姜	each 30 4	
Horseradish, Shanghai	菜	8 45	
Indian Corn	米	4 1	
Lettuce	菜	10 6 8	
Water Chestnuts	菜	14 8	
" Mandarin	菜	14 8	
Mushrooms, Fresh	菜	1	
Okroes	菜	1 10	
Onions, Bombay	菜	8 8 3	
" Green	菜	6 4 6	
" Shanghai	菜	6 6	
Parley	菜	40 60 8	
Potato, Sweet	菜	6 8	
" Japanese	菜	5 3	
" American	菜	6 8 10	
Pumpkin	菜	6 8 4	
Radish	菜	5	
Rhubarb (Fresh)	菜	10	
Shallots	菜	10 8	
Spinach	菜	3 4	
Tomatoes	菜	14 7	
Taro	菜	8 5	
Turnips, Punt (Long)	菜	8 4	
Vegetable Marrow	菜	4	
Water Cress	菜	8 15	
Water Lily Root	菜	8 6	

CO-OPERATION.

VIEWS OF G.C.O.B. HON. SECRETARY.

FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

In the course of his speech, at the sixth reunion annual dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association, Mr. C. G. Anderson, the Hon. Secretary, said: "Mr. President and gentlemen, as I have pointed out, this is our Sixth Annual Reunion and incidentally this is the fourth occasion in which you request me to speak in this Hall. On account of my poverty in idea I may, perhaps, with profit refer briefly to a question upon which I had previously touched. I recollect that at our Second Annual Dinner in 1922 and when called upon to speak, I ventured the opinion that we, as a body in whom the wisdom of the East is blended with the knowledge of the West, are peculiarly fitted to promote Anglo-Chinese co-operation, which, to quote my own words, was 'now more than ever necessary for the prosperity of the Colony and the well-being of its citizens.'"

"Gentlemen, if co-operation be needed in 1922, its necessity in 1926 is imperative and I found myself in good company when H.E. Sir Reginald Stubbs said, in a speech made a few days prior to his departure from the Colony, to the effect that, should a motto be required for Hongkong, the word 'co-operation' should find it in a prominent place. You will also recollect, gentlemen, that the English Press, whose representatives and their Chinese colleagues we also have the honour of entertaining this evening, at once took up this standpoint and a symposium of the views of certain Chinese gentlemen as to the desirability of forming an Anglo-Chinese Club as a means towards co-operation, was started by the 'Hongkong Daily Press.' This desirable innovation, if adopted, I dare say you agree with me, is merely one of the means to an end. But to my mind, co-operation that is real can only be achieved by the general recognition of certain principles."

"On the one hand, Britons should realise that every Chinese has a soul, that China, having a long glorious past, will have a glorious future with the possibility of contributing largely towards world peace, the attainment of which must be the concern of every right-minded individual and that China does not take kindly to, nor does she deserve, the shallow sneers and criticisms that have been flung at her by those least qualified to judge. On the other hand, Chinese should realise that a great part of the British public and I may say the best part of the British public has the best goodwill towards them, that the Briton who only knows force in his dealings with them is not representative of his race and frowned upon by his betters and that Great Britain is a great nation through the portals of whose world-famous universities and institutions the most useful, gifted and brilliant of China's sons, including those at Canton, have passed and will continue to pass."

"With these ideas embedded in the mind of the two peoples, understanding and sympathy will appear and co-operation follows as a natural result; by the side of these ideas any artificial attempt towards co-operation, though desirable and necessary, tends to fade into insignificance. These principles are the sine qua non of co-operation that is real and in giving them publicity, I indulge in no restoratives, I am influenced by this fact, that the thought that Great Britain and China should work together to the advantage and glory of both countries strikes a responsive chord in the breast of every member of the association in which I have the honour to serve in a humble capacity."

The speech was interspersed with applause.

"An old lady, laden with her week-end shopping, was struggling along one of the main thoroughfares of a large town on a Saturday evening. Suddenly out of her bag, which had sprung open, rolled a shilling. A gentleman who was passing, seeing her sorry plight, quickly and gallantly bent to recover the coin and restore it to its owner."

But, to his astonishment, the lady hurriedly planted a broad and ample foot over the muddy shilling, while she exclaimed, in accents loud and triumphant:

"No, you don't, my fine sir. I was one too many for you that time, wasn't I?"

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BOXER INDEMNITY.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN CHINA.

NOT AN EMPTY-HANDED GIFT.

A very great point to be emphasized with reference to the disposal of the British portion of the Boxer Indemnity fund is that it is not an empty-handed gift. The money has gone in the past to the assistance of British revenue, and in future this will not be so. It may be thought that, forming as it does only a very small part of the revenue of the British Government, this might be regarded as almost a negligible matter, and doubtless many people in this country look on it as such, but this is a mistake. Burdened with debt as Great Britain is today, every pound counts, and the British taxpayer has to supply in taxes what the country loses by placing at the disposal of China this annual sum. Accordingly it is to be hoped that those who will benefit from the work of the committee now in China charged with allocating to some special object the Indemnity Fund will realise what it means from the purely financial point of view."

This outlook is emphasized by Professor Soothill, one of the members of the Boxer Indemnity Committee now in Shanghai. He anticipates work lasting six months, or more with his colleagues, in connection with the subject, and his outlook on the task is more than interesting. Professor Soothill is, of course, thoroughly intimate with China, and while he has been away from the country for several years, he mentions that he has maintained touch with it through the medium of the 'North China Herald' and the Chinese he has met at Home. He is thus thoroughly conversant with the spirit of the different movements in the country."

Equality of Representation. In reply to questions put to him, Professor Soothill said: "We are not able to say yet what is going to be done with the money. The whole matter awaits the fullest consideration by the representatives out here, and we hope next week to meet to consider the matter. The British Government has been very anxious that the representation of British and Chinese on the spot should be absolutely equal. This was a matter that was insisted very particularly on the Statutory Committee at Home, that whatever was done out here should be on the basis of an equality of membership. This is a matter of prime importance—that there should be no desire to outnumber the Chinese members in voting power, as seems to have been thought by some. It is in the power of the Chinese to create a similar advisory commission here of Chinese, as we created our advisory commission at Home, and the Government has appointed us to come out here and meet them in equal membership, and they are made members of the statutory commission. There has been no intention to have them in a minority, but the principle gives equal value to their vote, and we shall value their advice very highly."

Various Suggestions. With reference to the different schemes brought before the Committee for the disposal of the fund, Professor Soothill was reminded of the proposal of Holland to use the Dutch portion of the Indemnity for investigation of the conservancy of the Yellow River. Professor Soothill mentioned that railway and conservancy schemes had been brought before the British Committee, and had been duly considered. While he did not wish to speak for the Committee, he expressed the view that given stable conditions in China such schemes as conservancy and railway development would find all the support, financial and otherwise, that would be required. The best men in the world could be secured to carry them out, and after all a comparatively small sum such as the Boxer Indemnity could very easily be wasted on an attempt to inaugurate them. While any suggestions of the sort would be sympathetically considered, he thought that very great care should be exercised in going into them for the reason he had given. Furthermore, he felt that any such schemes would be better entrusted to men who were interested financially in their success."

No Scheme Yet Formulated.

Professor Soothill stated that he was quite unable to say how the indemnity money would be spent. The scheme they were looking for was one which would make an equal appeal to what might be described as the most responsible type of Chinese and the most responsible type of Englishman. The Committee wanted to get at the feeling of these men, and the intention of the British Government was to carry this idea out in whatever way was done."

Shanghai is to be the headquarters of the Committee, but if conditions indicate the advisability of such a course, the members may visit other places. While a few informal discussions have already taken place with local residents, nothing of a definite nature has yet occurred, but the Committee will welcome representations from responsible bodies in connection with their work. In regard to this, he again wished to emphasize that the views of the three Chinese members would carry great weight with the Committee at Home."

Lord Willington's Membership. The presence of Lord Willington on the Committee is very greatly welcomed by Professor Soothill, especially on account of his rare character. Liberal in his outlook, and thoroughly generous in spirit, he is, in Professor Soothill's opinion, always able to see the point of view of the other man, and so is extremely valuable. He has great confidence in his judgment."

In this connection Professor Soothill paid a very fine tribute to Lord Willington when entertained at a Chinese dinner at Home prior to leaving. He there mentioned that Lord Willington was captain of the cricket side at Eton, and again at Cambridge. He had played cricket in the Government, he had played cricket in the administration of India, and he was going to play cricket when he came out to China. In fact he was a man who would always play the game."

Missionaries and the Indemnity. In the matter of the Indemnity money, considered Professor Soothill, it would be very unwise for any Christian missionary society to use it for their ends, and he was very glad that these bodies had decided not to apply for or accept it."

At the same time he believed that they might have been justified in doing so, considering how this money came. It was supposed generally that, by remitting the indemnity, Britain was merely handing back the money to the Chinese, merely wiping off a debt. On the contrary it must be realised that the people of Great Britain would have to raise an equal sum at Home, possibly by increased taxation, and really would have to pay just as much as the Chinese were paying. That was a point which did not seem to have been brought out previously, but it was very true. Nevertheless, as mentioned, he strongly approved the attitude of the missions in that it should not be used in their propaganda, and he considered that the scheme for the use of the money should be decided on the broadest possible lines."

DOUBLE TRAGEDY. TWO YOUNG JAPANESE CHOOSE SUICIDE. Driven by the thoughts that they could never be united in lawful marriage, a geisha girl named Hildegi, aged 24, at a Japanese restaurant on Chippoo Road, Shanghai, and a Japanese man named K. Ezaki, aged 28, an employee of the restaurant, attempted a double suicide at the Bellevue Hotel in Woosung on March 6, at midnight which resulted in the death of the man and the near death of the geisha."

The two were found by boys at the hotel shortly after they had cut the arteries in their wrists. They were locked tightly in each other's arms. Physicians were summoned and succeeded in stopping the flow of blood from the young woman's body, but were unable to save the man. The Japanese authorities in Shanghai were notified and an inquest was held over the body at the Japanese Consulate. The girl was taken to the Foo Min Hospital on North Szechuen Road. According to the girl's story the two fell in love, but knowing that they could never be married because of the high social barrier they chose suicide. The couple went to Woosung and registered at the hotel. Several times they took over doses of morphia which Ezaki took along, but always rallied from the effects of the drug. Finally they struck on the idea of cutting the arteries in their wrists and borrowed a razor from the room boy on the pretext that Ezaki wanted to shave. According to the girl's story (says the 'China Press') the man first cut the artery in her wrist and then turned the razor on himself."

Mother (sternly): "Johnny, didn't I tell you to come straight home from the barber's shop?"

Johnny: "Yes, ma."

Mother: "Then why didn't you obey?"

Johnny: "I had to wait while grandma got her neck shaved."

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NOTICES.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1925.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 19th day of March, to MONDAY, the 29th day of March, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 23rd March, 1926, at 5.15 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order, P. M. HODGSON, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 20th March, 1926, until THURSDAY the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence from the Colony Mr. C. R. MOLLIS will take temporary charge of this Company's Agency until further notice.

R. RODENFUSER, Agent. Hongkong, March 10, 1926.

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NOTICES.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary. Hongkong, March 9, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 26th March, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers. Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 5th March, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

IT is regretted that the State of the Race Course will not permit of its use for School Sports or Athletic Meetings.

R. J. PATERSON, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, March 13, 1926.

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LORD WILLINGDON.

VISIT TO HONGKONG AND
CANTON.

Peking, March 9.

Lord Willingdon was entertained
at luncheon at Peking today by
the Vice-Minister for Foreign
Affairs.

The guests included Sir Ronald
Macleay, members of the Legation
staff, and members of the staff of
the War Office.

Lord Willingdon had intended
to leave for Shanghai, but in view
of the action at Taku forts it
seems likely that he will be
delayed.

Whilst no definite programme
has yet been drawn up by the
Boxer Indemnity Commission,
Lord Willingdon personally
favours visiting Hongkong and
Canton in addition to the prin-
cipal ports in China, due notice
to be given to the various centres in
order to enable persons and organ-
isations wishful of placing their
view before the Commission to
make arrangements in advance.

Reuter's Pacific Service.

NEW "BOLSHIES."

2,270 KOREANS NOW
NATURALISED.

Charging that the Soviet Con-
sulate here is granting citizenship
to Koreans, specially those, who
are leading in the independence
movement, the "Shanghai
Mainichi" in its last issue stated
that 2,270 Koreans have been
naturalised out of 3,267 who have
applied for citizenship.

The article further charges
that the Soviet Consulate "at the
foot of the Garden Bridge" is the
centre of Bolshevik propaganda
for the Far East and Central
China.

A translation of the article
reads, "The local Soviet Con-
sulate, at the foot of the Garden
Bridge, is not only known to all
for its Red flag, but because it is
the centre of Bolshevik propa-
ganda in the Far East and Central
China."

"According to a report from a
certain source, since the establish-
ment of the Consulate 3,267
Koreans connected with the in-
dependence movement have ap-
plied for permission to be
naturalised."

"The statistics of alien natural-
isation up to November 1, 1925,
indicate that of the 2,270 Koreans
who applied, nearly 90 per cent.
were given Soviet citizenship."

HIGHER RANK.

JAPAN'S REPRESENTATIVE
IN SHANGHAI.

Mr. S. Yada, Japanese Consul-
General in Shanghai returned
from Japan on March 8 on board
the N.Y.K. "Suwa Maru."

Interviewed by a representative
of the "Shanghai Mercury" at his
residence, the Consul-General
stated that due to the loose
organisation of China which has a
Central Government which pos-
sesses only local administration, pro-
posals are being considered in the
Home Office to elevate the local
Consulate-General to that of higher
rank, (but not to a Legation) in
order to cover the whole of Central
China. With the remarkable ex-
pansion of official business handled,
added Mr. Yada, there will be, in
the near future, an increase in the
Consular staff including one con-
sul and two officials for marine
affairs. In addition, two Police
Commissioners are coming down,
one to fill the post vacated by
Mr. O. Murray, former Chief of
Police and another to take a new
post as Head of the Intelligence
Department. It is understood that
Mr. N. Hara, Acting Chief of Police
will be shortly promoted to Police
Commissioner and will be trans-
ferred to Tsingtau.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Goods arrived per s.s. "Benvenue,"
remaining undelivered after to-
day will be subject to rent.
Agents—Gibb, Livingston & Co.,
Ltd.

Goods arrived per s.s. "City of
Singapore" remaining undelivered
after to-morrow, will be subject to
rent. Agents—The Bank Line,
Ltd.

Good arrived by M.S. "Asia"
remaining undelivered after March
22, will be subject to rent. Agents—
John Manners & Co., Ltd.

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"MOREA"	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPOT"	5,384	18th April	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KHYA"	9,136	20th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd May	Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPOT"	5,384	18th May	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KHYA"	9,136	20th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd June	Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPOT"	5,384	18th June	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KHYA"	9,136	20th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd July	Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPOT"	5,384	18th July	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KHYA"	9,136	20th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Aug.	Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPOT"	5,384	18th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KHYA"	9,136	20th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Sept.	Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPOT"	5,384	18th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"KHYA"	9,136	20th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Oct.	Marseilles and London

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"ARAFURA"	8,000	14th April	Manila, Kolambogan, Sandakan
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	16th May	Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
"TANDA"	6,949	3rd June	do.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,067	19th Mar.	Shanghai and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,165	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"JAPAN"	8,067	3rd Mar.	Yokohama, Kobe & Osaka
"TILAWA"	10,000	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	10th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,067	19th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,165	20th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"JAPAN"	8,067	3rd May	Yokohama, Kobe & Osaka
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"DELTA"	8,067	19th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"JAPAN"	8,067	3rd July	Yokohama, Kobe & Osaka
"TILAWA"	10,000	2nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	10th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"DELTA"	8,067	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"JAPAN"	8,067	3rd Sept.	Yokohama, Kobe & Osaka
"TILAWA"	10,000	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,067	19th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,165	20th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"JAPAN"	8,067	3rd Nov.	Yokohama, Kobe & Osaka
"TILAWA"	10,000	2nd Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,067	19th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,165	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"JAPAN"	8,067	3rd Jan.	Yokohama, Kobe & Osaka
"TILAWA"	10,000	2nd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,067	19th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,165	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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PEACE DELEGATES RETURN.

Hankow, March 8.

With the recent defeat of the Kuomintang forces in Honan and with the war nearing its end, considerable speculation is rife with reference to the Honan Tupaniship. There is little doubt that the victorious commanders, including General Chin Yun-ao, General Tien Vi-chin and General Kou Yin-chien are all fixing their eyes on the post. Rumours were current in Hankow recently that Marshal Wu Pei-fu has given the prize to General Kou. Well-informed circles are of opinion, however, that this is not likely, and that General Chin stands far greater hope of getting the position. General Kou has wired Marshal Wu here to the effect that in accordance with the latter's order, he has formally assumed his office as commander-in-chief of the Expeditionary Forces at Yencheng. Reports received from Hsinyangchow are indicative that there has been a lull in the fighting the past few days. The delegates who came down here over a week ago to negotiate peace with Marshal Wu, have now returned to Hsinyangchow and are conferring with General Chiang Shih-chieh in connection with Marshal Wu's ultimatum of "Unconditional Surrender." Prior to their return to the city, they held an interview with the Hupei Commander, General Lin Yu-chun.

A Slight Strife.

Hsinyangchow, March 1.
This morning opened with a slight strife round the West Gate which lasted for about a quarter of an hour. Apparently some of the troops in the city sought to take advantage of the armistice to make their escape. They failed and the only casualties to be seen afterwards were two civilians killed. The most remarkable thing about this strife is that these people do not keep under cover, but the moment firing starts they must have a look. Hence many have been killed and afterwards buried at the expense of the army. Even while sniping is going on peddlers are to be seen not five yards behind the trenches. Officers in charge have tried to chase them away, but nothing seems to scare them if there is a chance of selling something.

To-night's wires from the Chumation Headquarters state that the railway zone has been cleared to Sping, north of Suiping. The majority of the enemy encountered by General Kou Ying-chieh in that sector have escaped to the hills and are being pursued. General Kou's advance guards are within a few miles of Yencheng and he expects to remove his headquarters there within the next two days.

In Eastern Honan General Yueh Wei-chun, the Tupan of Honan gave battle with five brigades to the forces of General Chin Yun-ao. Fighting lasted the whole of February 28 and developed into a rout for the Kuomintang. The retreat was vigorously followed up to-day (March 1) from daylight and by this afternoon the Allied forces had arrived at Hsingling-jen, ten miles south of the Lung-Hai Railway.

On the northern front the capture of Machang is confirmed after a battle lasting the whole day, in which General Li Ching-lin was completely victorious, the Kuomintang retreating to the north.

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Shan retreating in disorder, leaving in his hands eight tons of munitions and supplies and many prisoners.

To return to the fighting round Hsinyangchow, the trenches round the besieged city are well constructed. There are good communication trenches from the advance posts to the main trench line. It seems quite impossible for the troops of the Kuomintang inside the city to escape, but it seems as though they intended to fight. They are piling up railway sleepers at various points along the walls as though in preparation to repel an assault, but as far as can be gathered an assault is not contemplated by the besiegers.

Dr. Skinsness came into the trenches this evening from his hospital just outside the North Gate, where he has treated over 700 wounded since the fighting started, mostly of the besieged, the casualties occurring mainly when they were finally driven inside the city gates. Since then he has had few casualties from the Kuomintang side. His hospital is situated in a most difficult place. It forms a screen under cover of which in the night-time parties of the besieged can come over the wall out of sight of the besieging troops. His action in remaining is worthy of every praise. He fears that as things get worse his hospital will be looted. Hitherto he has kept the Shensi men (Kuomintang) at bay and not allowed them to bring their rifles, but it is a moot point whether he will be able to continue to do so, and he has no protection whatever—Reuter's Pacific Service.

Hankow, March 7.

Upon the capture of Chengchow, Honan, Marshal Wu Pei-fu is reported to have ordered General Chin Yun-ao to pursue the Kuomintang troops, which have retreated to an area north of the Yellow River, and General Ku Yin-chieh to chase those Kuomintang forces which have taken to flight westward.—Eastern News Agency.

MISSING.

FOREIGNER ON TAIKOO
STAFF.

Considerable stir was created in Shanghai on March 8, says the "China Press," among the British community when it was reported that W. L. Fernie, a former member of the staff of Butterfield and Swire and at present connected with A. L. Anderson and Company, had been missing for three days.

According to rumours current Mr. Fernie boarded a sampan in Pootung about noon Saturday and was never seen again. Just what happened is a matter of speculation. River police were informed and are searching the river for the body, but up to a late hour at night their efforts had not been rewarded.

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The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Singapore for this port on March 12 at 4 p.m. and is due here tomorrow at about 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kidderpore" left Shanghai for this port on March 13 at 2.30 p.m. and is due here tomorrow at about 6 a.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Shirala" is due here on March 18 at a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Delta" left Singapore for this port on March 14 at 6 a.m. and is due here on March 19 in the afternoon.

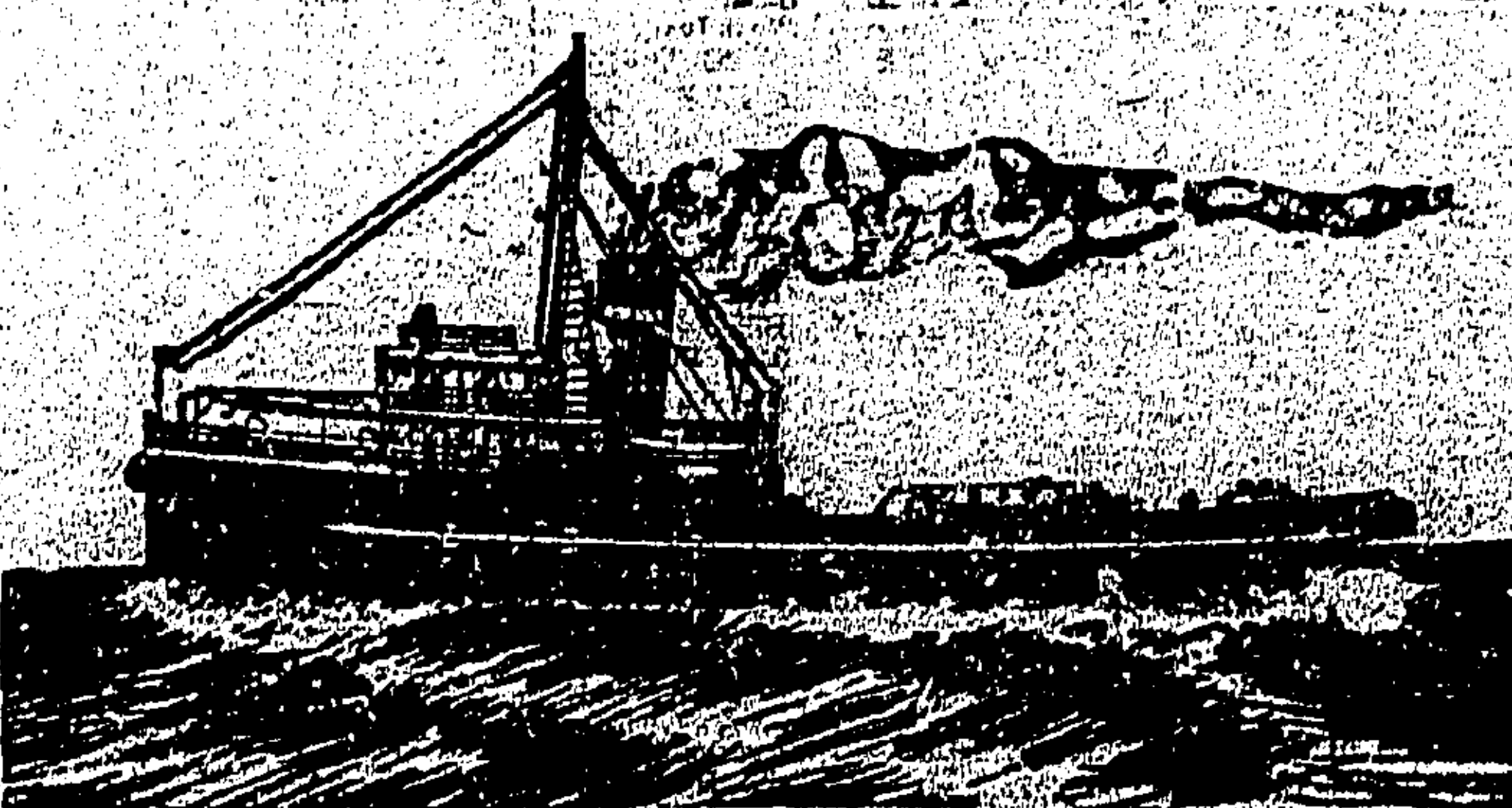
The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 8 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on March 20 at about 6 a.m.

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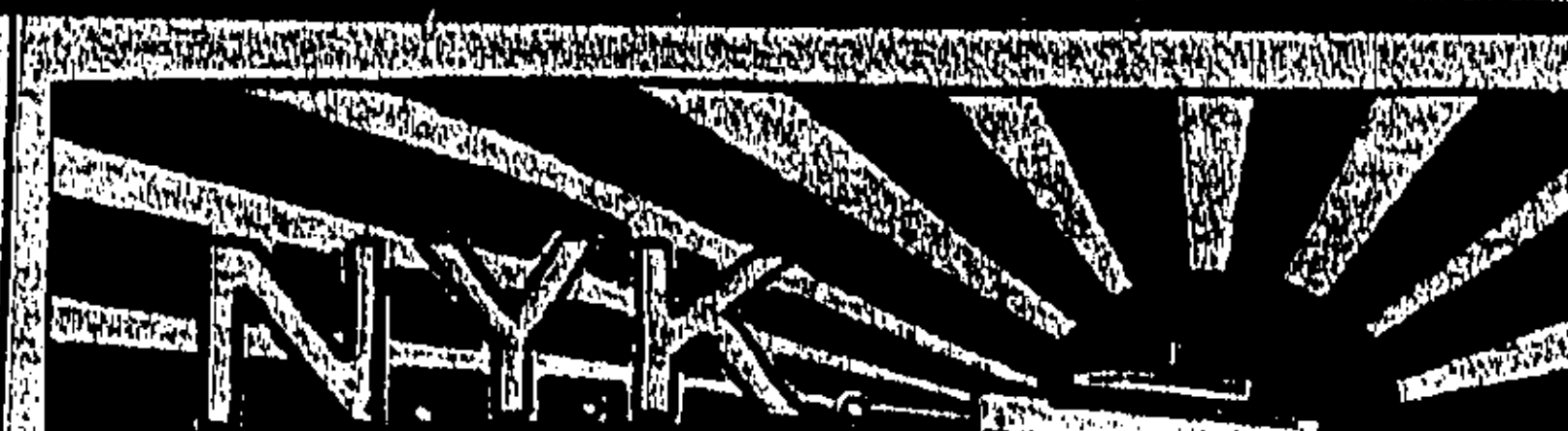


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SHAREHOLDERS' APATHY.

Anyone who has had experience of company meetings either in Hongkong or elsewhere in the East cannot but be in full accord with the "disgust," expressed at yesterday's meeting of the Telephone Company in regard to the poor attendance of shareholders. Mr. D. McNeill, who aired the grievance, expressed surprise that both in that and other companies with which he is connected the shareholders take no apparent interest in their own financial affairs—they are content to read the reports in the newspapers and then proceed to "chew the rag" as to the best way of improving affairs. They are satisfied to argue, instead of attending meetings and putting their views before the directors.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak made the only rejoinder possible. The directors sympathised with Mr. McNeill in his views and he felt sure that the directors of any company would welcome criticism which was fair and which was constructive and not destructive. Directors would welcome helpful criticism in preference to having shareholders whispering behind their backs.

There is no suggestion, of course, that in regard to the Telephone Company in particular there has been any whisperings behind the backs of the directors. It was a mere generalisation in regard to the attitude of shareholders of any company toward those whom they appoint as directors of their own affairs. If the cap fits any individual shareholder of any company or any clique of shareholders then, of course, they are welcome to try it on. Still, it is not "cricket" in the commercial world. If directors are worthy of the position to which they are elected they are entitled to receive the co-operation of shareholders—to be told the good as well as the bad and to be the receptacle of that kind of criticism that is based on the true interests of that particular company in which they themselves have a pecuniary interest. Even destructive criticism, if advanced in the proper spirit, can often be useful to directors, and it is certainly not to be discounted so long as it is expressed at meetings of shareholders and not behind the backs of directors.

Time and again in the history of local companies the search for

a quorum at shareholders' meetings has outwitted Japhet's famous search for a father. Even the anticipated announcement of a dividend has failed to secure the attendance of shareholders. But there is apparently no remedy for this state of affairs. Perhaps Mr. McNeill, who initiated the discussion on the point yesterday, would like to take a leaf out of the book of Trade Unions and impose a nominal fine on those shareholders who fail to attend duly convened meetings. Compulsory interest of this kind would not, however, be very helpful toward the proper conduct of the company's affairs; and, after all, if shareholders cannot voluntarily be induced to attend to watch their own interests, then not all the protests of surprise and disgust will do any good. And there is this to be said—so long as the affairs of the company are being administered as they ought to be, the absence of shareholders may often be construed as a graceful compliment to the directors. Conversely, let one word be whispered that all is not well, and shareholders' meetings will be packed. Which, again, has been a common experience both in Hongkong and elsewhere.

STREET FOUNTAINS.

The poetic fancy of newspaper reporters which dubs these public water-taps, street fountains, is to be encouraged. A tap by any other name would still waste as much water, and help sear the tempers of the many who wait patiently their turn for a supply of "nature's ale" and who oft dispute for pride of place. Is there a saving of water in the method adopted when a famine seems imminent? Presumably there must be, otherwise it would not be put into operation—or some other method would be attempted. Doubts arise when the spectacle of ever-flowing "fountains" is noticed with numbers around them—some in the early, intermediate, and concluding stages, either of personal ablutions, or more often than not, in that of considerable cleansing of clothes. The flow of water is generally at full strength, and the amount that finds its way into gutters on the way to smelly sewers is great indeed. This is not all. A big waste of water is occasioned by defective fittings, which produce, not merely the drops that are like mercy, but the steady flow that prevails throughout each successive twenty-four hours of the day. A saving of water would be made if the Chinese equivalent of the English plumber could be sent round periodically to inspect "fountains," to re-washer them where necessary, and to reduce the waste of water occasioned by defective fittings to the minimum. The insistence of the queue and its fairness, has demonstrated itself to the Chinese, and it is the best in the circumstances. If it is the early bird that gets the worm, it is the early attender at street fountains who gets the first or earliest supply of water. But is there any rule as to the supply which may be taken at one time?

It may be over-egerness in the

direction of getting large supplies which leads to disturbances at the fountains, — often to cracked heads. These disturbances should be frowned upon by the authorities, and guilty parties dealt with as severely as possible. Whether it is worth while preaching lessons on the iniquity of wasting water we know not. There are numbers of Chinese of the frame of mind of Mr. G. K. Chesterton who care not what happens to water so long as it doesn't get into the wine.

ARMY NEEDS.

SEARCH FOR A MECHANICAL MACHINE.

PROMOTION PROBLEMS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 15.
In introducing the Army Estimates for 1926-7 in the House of Commons Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary of State for War, said that it had not been easy to secure a reduction of £2,000,000, which the Estimates showed, as compared with those for the current year. The total net amount he was asking for was £42,500,000 compared with £44,500,000 in the current year. He pointed out that in 1921 the Army expenditure was £38,000,000 or twice the amount of the Estimates now submitted. Even of the £42,500,000 which he asked for nearly £3,000,000 would go to retired pay and pensions.

"Mechanicalisation."
The Minister said that the manoeuvres of last Autumn had taught important lessons in regard to the use of mechanical vehicles. It was shown that the necessary mobility could not be achieved if horse transport accompanied mechanically-moved troops. Until, however, a satisfactory type of machine could be evolved, which also had commercial possibilities, the cost of mechanicalising large forces would prove prohibitive.

Research and experiment were continuing with a view to evolving something which could be of general, as well as military, use, and which commercial users would stock, so that it would be available in large numbers in case of need. The extent, therefore, to which the field Army could be mechanicalised still remained in doubt.

It had been decided to approach the problem step by step. In the first instance they would form a small mechanical force of all arms for experimental purposes, and they would not attempt any large production of mechanical vehicles until they were certain that they had evolved the required type. They were, he was advised, already ahead of other nations in mechanicalisation, and there was, therefore, no justification for uneconomical haste.

Greatest Asset.
Dealing with the promotion of officers, Sir L. Worthington Evans said that the Army Council was unanimously of the opinion that no change in the present system of normal promotion from Second Lieutenant to Major was either necessary or desirable, and that nothing should be done which would in any way impair the greatest asset which the British Army possessed, namely, regimental esprit de corps.

The Army Council had, however, decided that in the junior ranks officers of marked ability should receive accelerated promotion. Promotion above the rank of Major would now be by rigid selection, increasing in severity as the higher ranks were reached. Above the rank of Lieutenant Colonel the selection would become still more drastic. It was hoped that by this means any officer of outstanding and proved merit would get his chance to reach the highest rank in the service.

WAR ECHO.

SENATOR BORAH'S BELATED RESOLUTION.

AMERICA'S "CLAIMS"

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 15.
Senator Borah introduced a resolution in the Senate requesting the State Department to report what steps have been taken toward the negotiation of the American claims against Great Britain and France in connection with the alleged violation of the rights of neutrals prior to the American entry into the war.
The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, of which Senator Borah is Chairman.

DAYS' LABOUR.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENED.

FIVE NATIONS REPRESENTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 15.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, at the Ministry of Labour to-day opened the International Conference convened by the British Government to consider the possibility of an international agreement regulating the hours of labour in Great Britain, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy are represented.

SOCIAL PROGRESS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 15.
In his address of welcome to the delegates to the International Conference on hours of labour, Mr. S. Baldwin said:

"We are all of us advanced countries and we enjoy the benefits of a high degree of social progress. Uniformity among ourselves may have far-reaching consequences to the civilisation of the whole of Europe. There are people who say that international labour regulations may be of more benefit to one country than to another. That is not so. There can be no question in Europe of any country attaining prosperity at the expense of another country. Each one of us can prosper best and can make the greatest progress in material well-being when prosperity is the common property of all countries and when progress can be made advancing together."

"FLOWING GOLD."

THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS FROM CANADA.

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(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 15.
The arrival of thirty million dollars from Canada within the past fortnight marks the largest movement of gold to New York since the British shipment last autumn.

The remittance is not expected to be greatly increased as the Canadian rate of exchange, which originally induced the movement of gold, has been steadily improving during the past few days.

FLIGHTY FRANCES.

LONDON MONEY MARKET PUZZLED.

CREDITS TO BELGIUM.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 15.
The French and Belgian francs in London closed, respectively, at 134.75 1/16 and 113.87.

The Belgian francs have previously slumped to 121.50 after being steady about 107 for a year. The market is puzzled.

The slump is attributed to a cessation of Belgian Government support as the result of a hitch in the negotiations in London and New York to advance credits to Belgium.

Bankers' Demand.
Brussels, March 15.
The "Sole" says that the Minister of Finance declares that the Banks have fully assented to the measures to meet the situation, and from to-morrow exchange will be properly supported.
The measure contemplated will prevent speculation and control of the Exchanges will be reinforced.
The Minister of Finance made a statement at a meeting of the Cabinet regarding negotiations with the London bankers, who are demanding control over the Belgian railways in connection with the desired loan, according to a newspaper report from Paris.

ITALY'S DEBT.

FIRST INSTALLMENT PAID TO BRITAIN.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 15.
The sum of two million pounds, being the first half-yearly instalment of the Italian debt under the funding agreement recently reached between Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Count Volpi, Italian Minister of Finance, was paid to the account of the British Treasury to-day.

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HOME POLITICS.

BY-ELECTION FOR ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES.

CONSERVATIVE GAIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 15.
The Government has gained a seat at the by-election for the English Universities due to the resignation of Mr. H. A. L. Fisher (formerly Minister of Education and a Liberal).

The candidates were Sir Arthur Hopkinson, Conservative, who was M.P. for the Crickdale Division of Wilts from 1895 to 1898; and Mr. Ramsay Muir, Liberal, Editor of the Weekly Westminster, who was M.P. for Rochdale from 1923 until the General Election in October, 1924, when he was ousted by Mr. M. T. Kelly, Labourite, as the result of a triangular contest.

The polling for the English Universities was declared to-day as follows:—
Hopkinson, (Conservative) ... 2,343
Muir, (Liberal) ... 2,000

Conservative Majority ... 343
The combined Universities of Durham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield, Birmingham and Bristol return two members to the House of Commons. The result at last General Election was:—
Sir M. Conway, Con. ... 2,231
Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, Lib. ... 2,064
Prof. J. J. Findlay, Lab. ... 885

LONDON STRIKE.

UNION'S DECISION REJECTED BY MEN.

WON'T RESUME WORK.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 15.
A mass meeting of workers at Messrs. R. Hoe & Co.'s factory decided not to accept the decision of the National Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and declined to resume work.

[The previous message relative to this strike, dated March 10, read:—A lively mass meeting of Messrs. Hoe's strikers rejected a recommendation of the Executives of the Unions to return to work and resolved not to resume until non-Unionists have been removed and a substantial increase in wages assured. The Executives have called a meeting to consider disciplinary action. As a result of a meeting of the members of the Executives of the seven Unions concerned with the dispute at Hoe's factory and Sir Allan Smith, Chairman of the Employers' Federation, the employers have agreed to defer the operation of lock out notices until March 13.]

TRAIN DERAILED.

FIFTY FEET PLUNGE INTO RIVER.

HEAVY DEATH ROLL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Boston, March 14.
According to advices from the railway owners, 178 persons were killed and 75 others injured in the derailment of an excursion train, near San Jose, Costa Rica. Three coaches left the rails and plunged fifty feet from the embankment into the river.

Hung From a Precipice.

New York, March 15.

The casualty roll in the Costa Rica accident is now stated to be 248 killed and 98 injured. Three coaches were demolished, of which one fell into the river from the bridge, and the others hung from a precipice 190 feet high.

There were 1,000 passengers on the train. The object of the excursion was to raise funds for a charitable purpose. Three days' public mourning has been ordered.

BELGIAN FLIGHT.

PROGRESS ON THE WAY TO THE CONGO.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, March 14.
The Belgian airman, Lieut. Madaets, has left for Assuan, At Athara.

Brussels, March 15.
The Belgian airman flying to the Congo have arrived at Athara. [A Brussels cable of March 9 reported:—The Belgian airman, Madaets and Verhaegen, with the mechanic Coppens, left at seven o'clock this morning for Belgrade, in an attempt to fly to the Belgian Congo via Cairo and the Nile valley.]

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GIRLS' COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT.

ST. STEPHEN'S STANDARD.

Tendering the annual report at this afternoon's annual prize-giving at St. Stephen's Girls' College, the Principal (Miss E. Middleton Smith) said:—

Lady Clementi, my Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen.—It affords me great pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon. It is especially pleasing to have with us, Lady Clementi, who has graciously consented to act on our college council, in the place of Lady Stubbs. We gratefully remember the sympathetic and keen interest which Lady Stubbs always took in our school activities and although now absent she continues to do so. We are confident that we shall receive from Lady Clementi that kindly sympathy and generous understanding which will indeed be a help and encouragement in our school life. We thank her for kindly coming to present the scholarship, cups, and certificates to-day.

The school year has been a very prosperous and encouraging one. We closed earlier than usual for the summer vacation, with a full school. We re-opened in September with almost our usual numbers. Boarders, from far distances, such as Formosa, Peking, and Tientsin were unable to return. I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing my grateful appreciation of the loyal manner in which the girls and Chinese staff supported us through drowsy days. Each one seemed to realise the worth of the words used by H.E. the Governor, soon after his arrival in Hongkong.

"Education is a process which aims at drawing out from every human being the utmost which he or she is capable of giving in the cause of 'humanity.' I would lay stress upon this word 'humanity' and remind you of a famous phrase in the Chinese classics 'Within the four seas all are brothers.' We realise the truth of this saying in St. Stephen's."

Excellent Report.

I will not bore you with a detailed report of the school work. Sufficient is it to say that the standard this year—and this despite an abnormally long vacation—has been higher than at any previous time. We had an excellent report, after the visit of the Government inspector, who specially commented favourably upon history, reading and recitation in the upper school. (Elocution is well taught by Miss Hazeland.) The script writing in the lower school was mentioned as being very good, when the K.G. received special mention, as being well taught and well equipped. (This is in charge of Mrs. Cooper.)

Dr. Minett visited the school in November last and to quote her own words she found the general health and development excellent. Continuing she said: "I heard good singing lessons being given for chest and throat development in the upper school." For the singing well taught we are indebted to Mr. Mason. "I saw excellent work being done in drilling and breathing exercises and ball games in the playground under Miss Shi (our physical culture mistress.) The K.G. classes were having good singing and games given in an interesting way. Hygiene is very well and practically taught, the text books in use are the most modern I have seen."

Eight students were presented for the University matriculation and senior examinations. Of these six passed, two matriculating and four passing senior, two gaining distinctions.

Englishwoman's Gift.

Nine took the junior examination. Of these seven passed, six gaining distinctions. The two who matriculated have already entered the University in the Faculty of Arts. Another old S.S.G.C. student has entered the University this term. She has been given a scholarship through the generosity of an Englishwoman, who wishes to remain unknown. The gift was a token of friendship to the women of China, the desire being to help a Chinese girl to gain knowledge in the University, in order to give that knowledge to her own people, in a part of China where education is less advanced. We are grateful to the Vice-Chancellor for kindly suggesting that a S.S.G.C. student should accept it.

Most of our girls go into residence at the women's hostel. May I here stress the value of residence in Hall? We are convinced that our host life is binding together Chinese students from different parts of China and there are few things for which we should be more grateful to a generous benefactor, than a permanent hostel. The women under-

graduates are at present in St. Stephen's Hall which is a rented building and far too small for the important work. Miss Vincent, B.A., the acting Warden, with wise guidance seeks to help them in every way. Before proceeding with the work of the school, may I mention an excellent scheme which our Society has put into action this year? S.S.G.C. and "Fairlea" together now form a combined institution, S.S.G.C. giving an English and Chinese education, "Fairlea" giving a purely vernacular education. Mrs. Cheung is a very capable Headmistress, while Miss Atkins is giving splendid help as adviser and Warden. Through the generosity of Chinese gentlemen, who have given scholarships, it is possible for a girl to pass from the vernacular school, through S.S.G.C. to the University in this combined scheme of education. There are almost five hundred students in the three institutions, each having its own "Head" with a Principal over all. Very few schools possess staffs who have higher qualifications than those possessed by the staff of these schools. I wish here to pay an unqualified tribute to the wholehearted devotion of the entire staff to the interest of both schools and their excellent teaching work. The work has been curtailed for lack of room and the need of the extension wing is very great indeed.

Gifts For Charity.

This year the girls have made a special effort to help the pressing claims of those in need. Over \$3,000 has been given to different charities during the year, and we have felt it a privilege to help poor schools and hospitals in different parts of China as well as a contribution of \$1,300 to the M.C.L. fund this year. The missionary spirit has been fostered and has grown in the school. Sunday, by Sunday our girls teach the unfortunate women in prison. Other girls from this school may be found in the hospital each Sunday going from bed to bed, carrying words of cheer and comfort as they tell of God's love and care for the sick and suffering.

A large number of poor children from Wanchai were entertained at Christmas in our playground and a party of girls visited the hospital and sang carols to the patients at Christmas time. This splendid spirit of helpfulness is shown even after the girls leave school. Life behind them. When in the Philippine Islands last year, I found that one of our old girls, while attending lectures at the University was devoting her afternoons to teaching in a school for poor Chinese children. Classes to give amahs and music free education are taken regularly on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Nancy Ho, a past student kindly gives a loving hand each week to help in this work.

"Old" Girls' Association.

A delightful request came from old S.S.C. girls for the establishing of an association to link them together. This was formed with a large membership a short time ago, Miss S. A. Wan being elected as President. This association, we feel, will revive, and help to keep keen, the interests of girls in all parts of the world who have had their education in this school. Seven girls were confirmed last year and three baptised. Weekly Bible study classes have been much appreciated. A baptism class held by Mr. Li Di-ku, has been well attended. Many other activities have been organised by our school, Y.W.C.A., with the splendid help of Miss Pope, B.Sc., our energetic faculty adviser.

The boarders owe much to the thought and care of Miss Wise, B.A., while the lower school and afternoon Chinese studies owe much to the careful teaching of our Chinese staff, too large to mention individually. The standard of Chinese studies has improved under the care of Mr. Lo Kwan-shing, our director of Chinese studies.

Keener interest in games has been shown and one of our pressing needs is another tennis court. We only possess one, for the use of the school and S.S. Hall. Some of the girls remember a delightful visit to H.M.S. "Hermes," which Mr. Powell kindly made possible. Others spent a happy afternoon on the "Tamar" where Mrs. Stirling very kindly entertained them.

Before asking Lady Clementi to present the scholarship cups and prizes may I explain that the successful students receive the cups and certificate only; they generously give the money to educate a girl unable to pay the school fees. We choose girls, who, after completing their education here will teach in other schools in China. The books to be given are a small appreciation of the voluntary work done by two girls. When teachers were unable to get back to their work from Canton, Fok Sut-woon and Hung Uet-han volunteered to take Chinese classes each day and so help us through a

SCHOOL FUNDS.

ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Miss E. Middleton Smith, Principal of St. Stephen's Girls' College, Hongkong, writes:—	
"Many generous friends have helped us in the past and their names are now inscribed above the rooms which their substantial gifts of money helped to build. We should be most grateful if our kind Chinese friends would help us to complete the building as we are greatly in need of more room."	
[For the annual report at today's annual prize distribution, see elsewhere in this issue.]	
The following gave rooms in St. Stephen's Girls' College:—	
Mr. Kwok Siu-lau	\$10,000
Sir Robert Ho Tung	6,000
Mr. Mok Kon-sang	6,000
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	2,500
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Mr. Ho Fook	2,500
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"If any subscriber of \$1,000 or upwards has been omitted would he please communicate with the Principal, as the original list was lost during her absence in England."

THEFTS.

The theft of a portable phonograph and records (total value \$350) from the Brunswick Studio at Lee House Street has been reported to the police by Miss Olga Carvalho.

The machine was apparently there when the establishment closed on Thursday evening, but was found to be missing the following morning. An examination of the drawers holding records showed several to be also missing. No clue has been obtained as to how the articles were removed.

A Chinese amah working at No. 39, Caine Road, reported that she lost a bag containing her clothing, money and jewellery (total value \$107.50) from her cubicle yesterday.

A Chinese boy was bitten yesterday by a dog belonging to a widow living at Shelley Street. The animal was taken to Kennedy Town for observation.

most difficult time of shortage of staff during the strike.

The sage Mencius once said: "A really great man or woman is one who, in the fulfilment of duty, will be above the power of riches and honour to tempt, of mean condition to make swerve from principle and of threats and force to make bend." Where are such women coming from? It is our hope that such women are coming from the Christian schools of China and so in the words of our school motto "In Faith we go forward."

The Prize-List.

The following girls have passed the matriculation, senior and junior examinations. Their names are written in gold on the board in the College Hall and engraved in silver on the school shield.

Cheng Hung-yue, first in matriculation, is awarded the scholarship given by Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

Helen Chung, matriculated with distinction in needlework.

Amy Ma, first in senior receives the Ho Fook scholarship.

Maggie Cheung, distinctions in needlework, senior certificate.

Amy Kwan, senior certificate.

Tseng Hui-fan, senior certificate.

Choy Wan-han, receives the scholarship cup awarded by Lo Chun-shui, distinction in music.

Junior certificates also to:—

Fok Sut-ngoh, distinction in needlework.

Ada Leung, distinction in needlework.

Li Suh wa.

Hannah Suh, distinction in needlework.

Tong Woon-tung, distinction in needlework.

Flora Wan.

SHIP AGENCIES.

IMPORTANT QUESTION OF USAGE.

EXPERT EVIDENCE.

Evidence relating to the recognised custom of shippers and agents was given in the Summary Court this morning when the case came up for discussion again of the plaintiffs A. P. Moller (claimants for return of commission on collected freights taken by Thoresen and Co., their accredited agents).

Mr. M. H. Turner was for Thoresen's and Mr. T. G. Bennett for A. P. Moller.

Mr. Yates, a local shipping agent, who was called by Mr. Turner with reference to the question of usage said, when questioned by His Lordship, that ship owners and holders of agencies in making a contract of this description understood that there was a duty of the agent of collecting freight but that that duty carried with it an addition to the agents' fees.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bennett, witness said that if freight was chargeable and there was an agent in the port where a ship was to discharge it was the ordinary duty of the agent to collect the freight. If an owner appointed an agent, it was the duty of the agent to do everything which the owner would do if he were there.

Mr. Bennett: Suppose there had been nothing in the contract between these two parties about remuneration, and it had just read: "Offer you agency, Sally Macarsh's Swatow, Amoy (omitting the reference to \$150) would you have considered that authority to collect freight if freight was collectable in Swatow and Amoy?"

Mr. Yates: Yes.

Mr. Bennett: You are limiting the meaning of the word "agency" to mean entrance and clearance only.

Mr. Yates: Yes.

Mr. Bennett suggested that the limitation witness was placing on the meaning of the word agency was caused by the inclusion in the contract of the sum of \$150.

Mr. Yates: Or of any other sum.

Mr. Bennett: Supposing no remuneration at all was mentioned would you still have implied the words "entrance and clearance only."

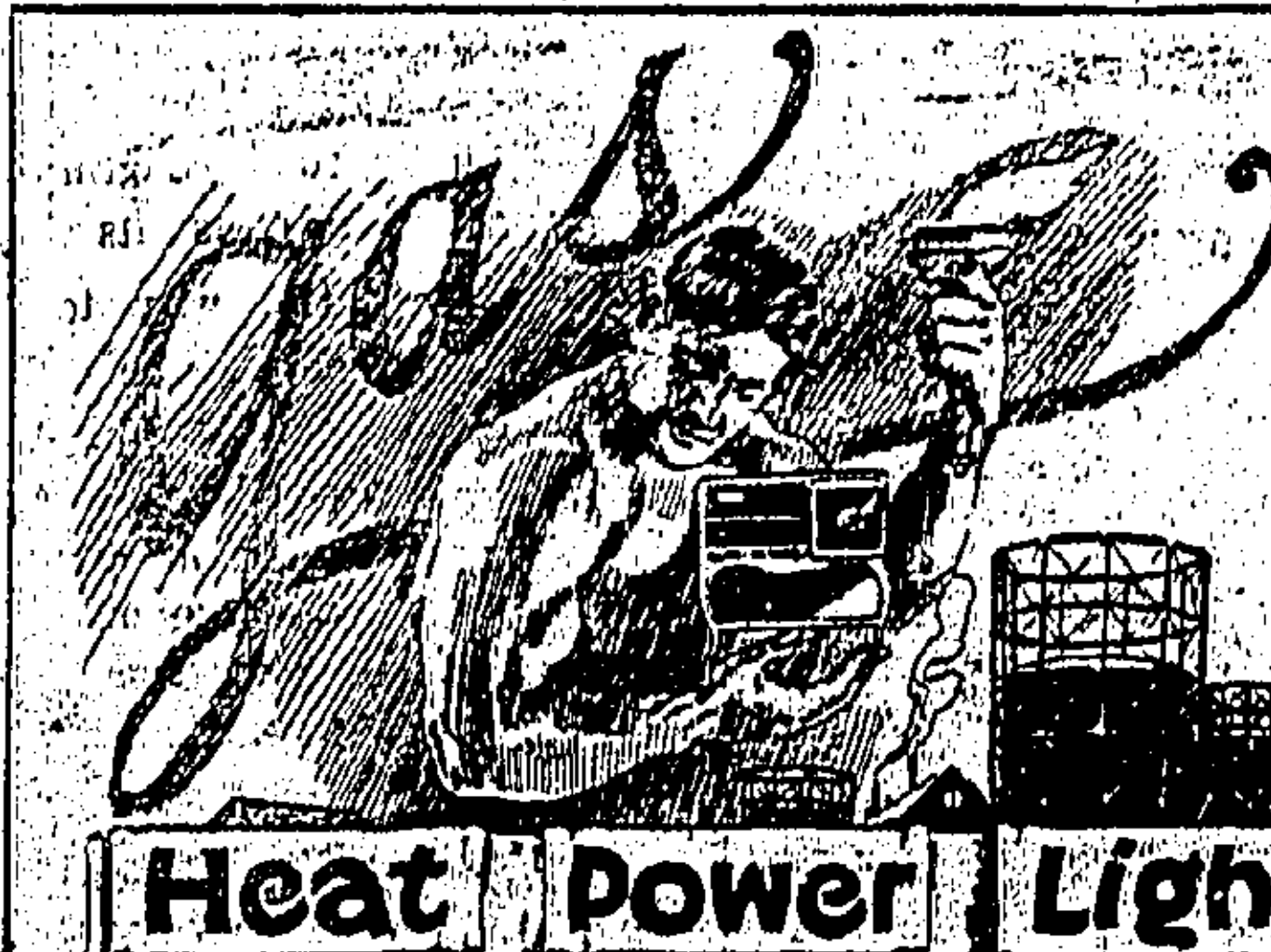
Mr. Yates: In that case the agent would carry out his ordinary duties and charge the customary fees.

Mr. W. G. Goggin also was called by Mr. Turner and supported the evidence given by Mr. Yates. The case is proceeding.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The B. I. s.s. "Japan" left Singapore for this port on March 13 at 1 p.m. and is due here on March 20 at 10 a.m.

A chair in which King William III. had a tooth pulled, has been presented to Comber, County Down, Orangemen, by John Miller Andrews, a member of Sir J. Craig's cabinet. The fortunes of the chair can be traced without a break for 235 years. Like all relics connected with the king who conquered his royal father-in-law, James II. in the battle of River Boyne, in 1690, it is looked upon with reverence in Ulster.



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NAVAL BASE AND RUBBER ESTATES.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 15.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. L. S. M. Amory, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that he had received representations to the effect that the demands for labour for the Naval Base at Singapore were depleting the supply of the rubber plantations, but the Governor (Sir Laurence Guillemard) has assured him that the total requirements of the Naval Base were not sufficient to have any marked effect on the labour situation in Malaya.

The Government of Malaya was closely watching the situation with the local representative of the Admiralty.

[Commenting on a previous reference to the same question in the House of Commons the Straits Echo (Penang) said: After denying with oaths that they were paying more than standard rates of wages to the coolies employed on the Base works in Singapore, the Naval authorities have now been obliged to admit, through their official spokesman in the House of Commons, that "the wages of Admiralty employees exceed those on plantations." Labour the Base, of course, must have, but it ought not to be allowed to crimp other people's or disorganise the whole situation by paying ridiculous rates. The fair and proper thing would be for the Admiralty to arrange through the Labour Department to import its own coolies from China and India and to pay them the wages generally ruling for the class of work they are called upon to perform.]

BOOT-LEGGING.

AN INDICTMENT OF 40,000 WORDS.

112 PEOPLE INVOLVED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Cleveland (Ohio), March 15. Millionaires, manufacturers, real estate men, also Government employees in twelve cities are involved in a 40,000 word indictment, naming 112 persons alleged to be concerned in a boot-legging conspiracy, returned by the Federal Grand Jury.

The indictment alleges that the conspiracy originated from four Philadelphia boot-leggers, who made their headquarters in Cleveland and created an organisation for the concentration and distribution of a contraband supply of pure-grain alcohol.

The operations, it is alleged, cover a period of three years.

LONDON AND BERLIN.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 16.

London and Berlin is now linked up telephonically by a line which was opened last night. Audibility is quite satisfactory.

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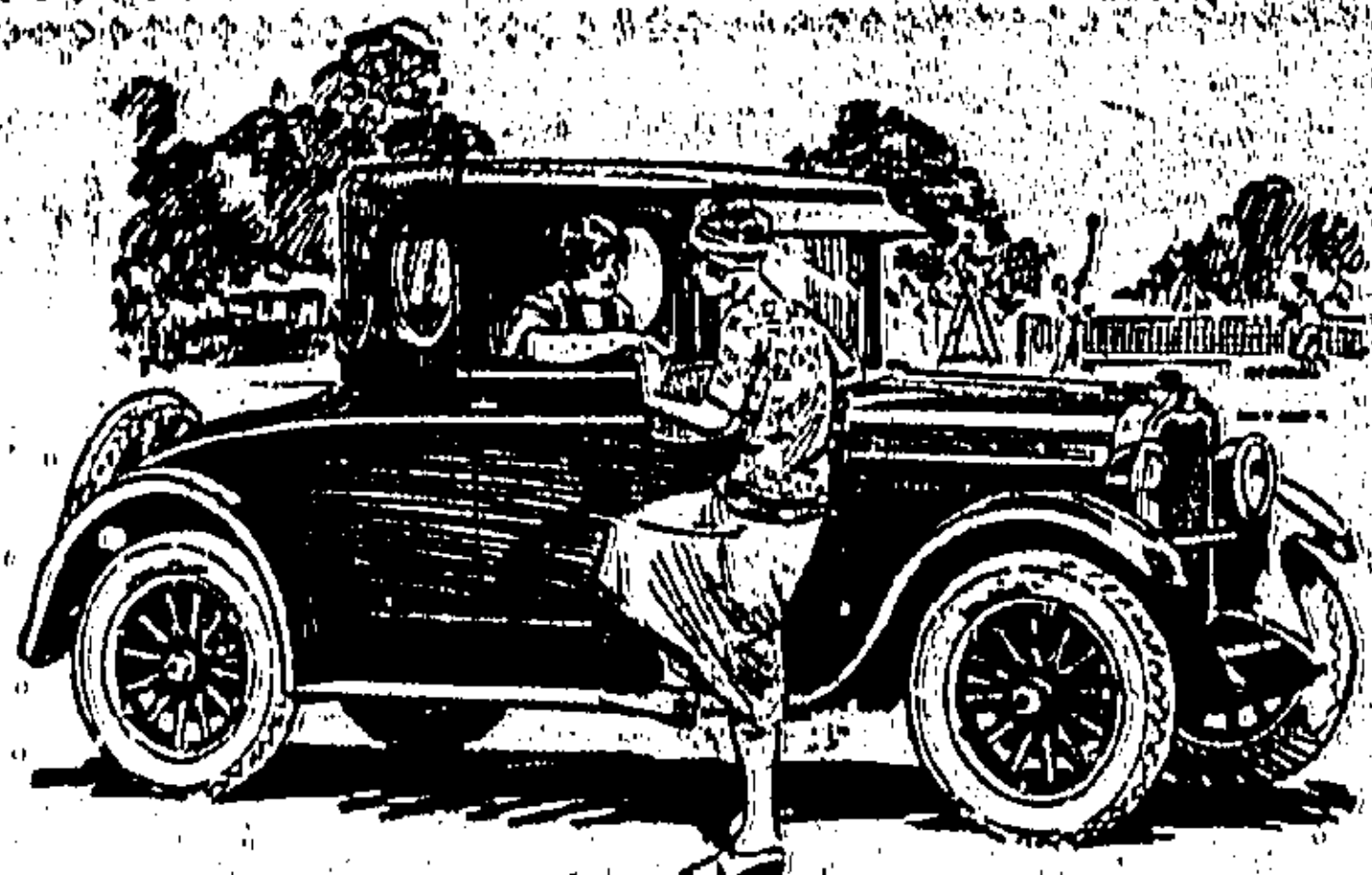
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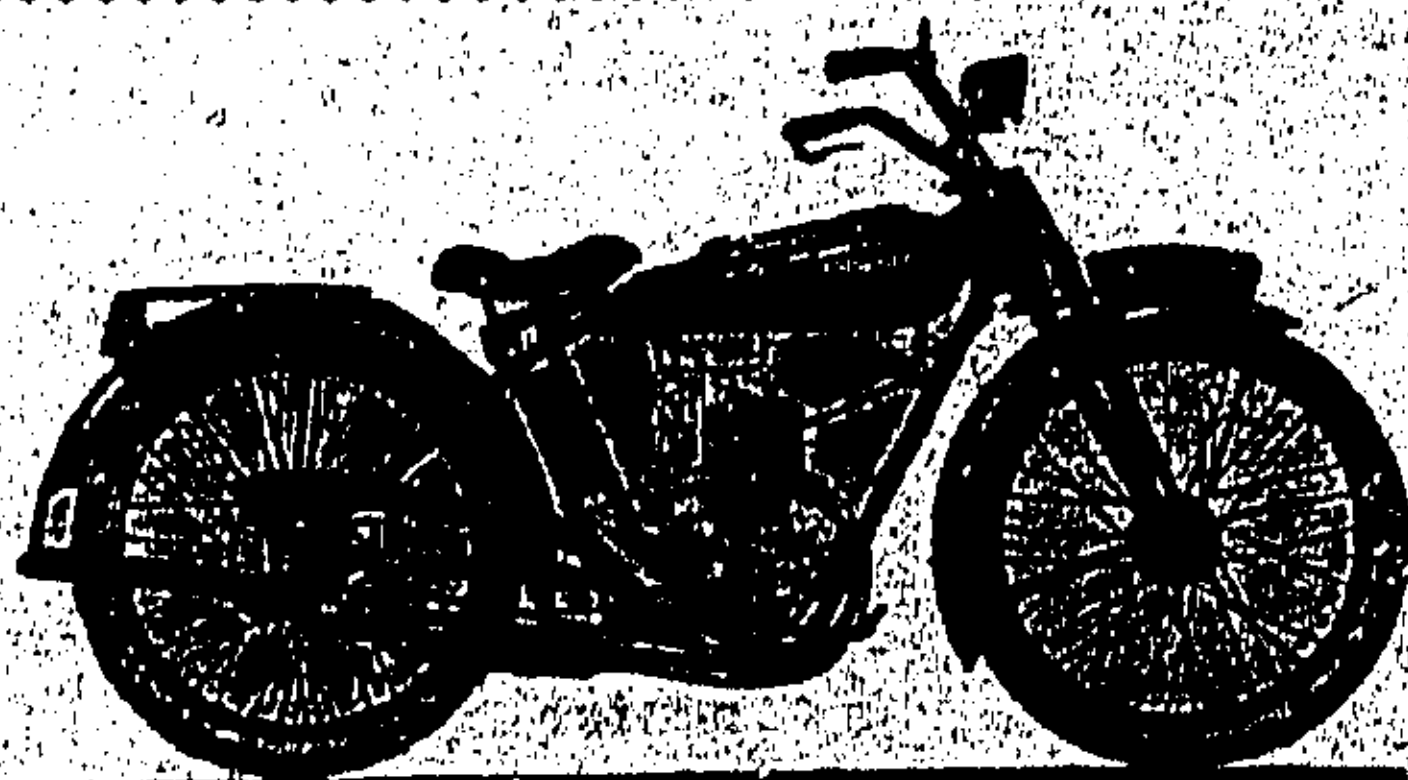
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Harmston's circus is at present in Singapore. It will probably pay a visit to Hongkong.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 48 hours ended Sunday shows two cases of rabies.

Members of St. George's Society of Hongkong are reminded that their annual subscription is now due.

A verdict of death from heart failure following consumption was returned at the Central Magistracy yesterday at an inquiry into the death of a prisoner, a Chinese ex-constable, who was serving a term in Victoria Gaol for embezzlement.

Damaging is forbidden in British Columbia beer shops, as a greater evil than tobacco, which is allowed to be sold, under regulations which Commissioner Davidson, arbitrator of the government's policy on liquor in the province, announced recently. No music, even from radios, is allowed in saloons.

At the Helena May Institute last night, Mr. A. H. Crook, Headmaster of Queen's College, delivered a lecture on "Local Sea-side Plants," illustrating his remarks by enabling his hearers to inspect specimens found on the coast. Detailed description and explanation of a few of the most common of local sea-side plants was given. Mr. S. B. B. McElderry took the chair at the lecture.

During the week ending February 20, a total of 207 deaths occurred in Singapore. One of these was a European, one a Eurasian, 164 were Chinese, 19 Malays, and 17 Indians. Pneumonia accounted for 33 deaths, phthisis for 24, malaria 18, convulsions 15, dysentery 12, and beriberi 9. Twelve persons died who had been less than three months resident in Singapore. The death rate was 26.36 per mille per annum, compared with 27.89 in the preceding week, and the infantile rate of mortality was 191.6.

Fines of \$5 each were imposed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a number of Chinese charged with disorderly conduct, and wasting water from fire hydrants.

Two Chinese, a man and woman, arrested at Ngau Shih Wan, were before the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of possession of two daggers and a revolver. They were remanded for two days.

The body of a Chinese constable from Yaumati Police Station was found on King's Park Range yesterday. Death had apparently resulted from a wound in the man's throat. While it is regarded as a case of suspected murder, it is possible that further inquiries may point to suicide.

Three Chinese women were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with conspiring to accuse two forest guards of assault and five men were also charged with committing a common assault on the guards. Mr. Whyte Smith, outlining his case for the Crown, said that the women were cutting grass on the hillside and escaped from the guards, leaving behind clothing and other property. He suggested that the women had devised a means of getting even with the guards. Hearing was adjourned until today.

About \$50,000 is being spent on improvements at Lord's. It may be hoped that the changes may prevent a recurrence of the unfortunate scenes of the 1921 Test, when members could not in many cases get to their seats, and even the King was unable to reach his for a time. The total seating capacity of the ground will be increased by about 3,000. There is to be an extension of the Grand Stand West, to include a new Grand Stand for 1,000 people, while the Northern end of the Mound Stand is to be covered by a roof.

Mr. Irving Berlin, known to a world that is dogged by his melodies in every tea room and dance hall as the King of Jazz, has lately laid a part of the responsibility for the popularity of syncopated music at the door of Mr. Henry Ford. He advances the view that Mr. Ford's contribution to cheap motoring has done as much as anything to stimulate the demand for the sort of music by which a jazz king's fortune is made.

An order for fifty duralumin single-seater fighting aeroplanes has been given to the firm of Messrs. Rohrbach by Turkish representatives who have been visiting the firm's works. The machines, which have a wing span of about thirty-six feet, are fitted with one 400-horse power engine. The engines have been ordered from the Bayerische Motor Werk at a cost of 60,000 gold marks. Delivery is to be within twelve months.

In general the Spanish Press regards the present government as one of transition. The king, on the occasion of receiving the new régime, thus expressed his hope of seeing a normal political situation: "I hope that within a suitable delay, which I should like to be short, the country will again be under the laws which constitute the foundation and base of the normal existence and that it will be able to live under these laws and under a régime where periods of exception are no longer necessary."

Norway has set up twenty-one medical stations for sailors of all nations in her seaport towns. The step is the first in a much wider scheme propounded by the Norwegian Red Cross to the General Council of the League of Red Cross Societies. If it is carried out all the seafaring members among the fifty or so nations represented on the Council will follow Norway's example and linked Red Cross medical stations will be available for the sailor throughout the ports of the world.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Eric Macfadyen, who has just returned from an extensive tour in the Dutch East Indies, will be making a stay of some weeks in Malaya before his return to England.

The Rev. Mother Superior of the Convent, Taiping, has left for France. It is rumoured that she is retiring. The Rev. Mother was formerly Superior of the Malacca Convent.

Mr. G. L. Hunt, until recently of the Penang Municipality, was entertained to dinner by a large number of his personal friends at the Lanka Hotel, on the eve of his departure to Ceylon.

Lord Incheape announced a bonus of a month's pay to the Indian assistants of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., Calcutta, on the occasion of the presentation of an address of welcome.

Mr. Cheung Foo-man (formerly secretary to the late Liu Chung-oi, or Liao Chung-kai) is the new Mayor of Kongmoon. He succeeded Mr. Ku-yun, says the "China Mail" Peking correspondent, after the recent riot between police and a labour union mob.

An Anglo-Indian romance is revealed by the news of a quiet marriage in London on February 18, of A. S. M. Hutchinson, novelist, who was born at Gorakhpur and Miss Una Bristow Gapper, who is in the middle of her twenties and who was born in Simla. She is a grand-daughter of the late General Bristow. The couple first came into contact through a letter the lady wrote to the novelist with reference to one of his books. Mr. Hutchinson was deeply impressed by the character revealed in the girl's handwriting.

The marriage of Mr. William Dick Brown and Miss Effie Grace Swanson was solemnised at Christ Church, Bangkok, on February 28 after the ceremony in the British Legation. The Rev. Cecil R. Simmons officiated at the church. The bridegroom awaited the bride at the Church, dressed in the kit and attended by Mr. H. Forrest as best man. The bride, who was given away by her father, had Miss Margaret Reith as bridesmaid and David Simmons as page. Later Mr. and Mrs. Brown left for Hua Hin, where they will spend a few days before leaving for home via Singapore and Durban, where Mr. and Mrs. Brown will pay a visit to Mr. Brown's brother.

Mr. R. M. Levinge, Superintendent of Customs, Port Swettenham, sailed for home on long leave by the Hector on March 9.

The death is announced of Mr. Francis Peter Scully, late Inspector of Weights and Measures, Police Department, Penang, and a Government pensioner, which occurred at his seaside residence in Bagan Jermal.



Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney went to Europe by the giant liner "Leviathan."

On February 18 at the Netherlands Legation, Bangkok, the German Minister, Dr. R. Asmus, accompanied by Dr. H. Becker, Secretary of Legation, handed over to Mr. H. J. W. Huber, the Netherlands Minister, in the name of the President of the Reich, a silver basket with an inscription in recognition of services rendered when Mr. Huber was in charge of German interests in Siam.

Capt. F. B. Davidson, Secretary, Madras Club, passed away on February 23 after a short illness due to heart seizure. He attended the wedding of Captain Flower and Miss Conran Smith, the previous evening at Government House and while there had a heart attack and was removed to his quarters at the Madras Club. At midnight he had another seizure and passed away at 12.30 a.m. He was secretary to the Club for 15 years.

Mr. G. H. Irwin, Assistant Engineer, Engineer's Department, Penang Municipality will be leaving for home shortly on seven months' leave. Mr. Donald Cameron, Engineer, who is due out from home, will fill the shortage in this department.

Mr. C. E. Montague, late of the "Manchester Guardian" has had a remarkable career, both spiritually and practically. One of his most startling exploits was to dye his hair and enlist as a private during the War, although considerably over the military age.

Mrs. Faith of Coxons Lane, Berwick, has given birth for the third time to twins, a fine healthy boy and girl. Married at 18 (25 years ago), Mrs. Faith has now a family of 16. She belongs to Berwick. Her husband is a Newcastle man.

One of the most interesting pieces of book news of the day is the announcement that the Earl of Oxford and Asquith has almost finished the literary task on which he has been occupied for some years. This is understood to be a book about the House of Commons during the last half-century. There is a hope that, when this book is published, the Earl will set about the writing of his reminiscences.

Explaining the reduced demand for cotton, woolen and silk materials, Mr. F. Wetheridge, chairman and managing director of the Fore Street Warehouse Company, Ltd., said at the annual meeting, "There is no doubt that the new vogue of women's dresses is to a large extent responsible for this reduced demand. Formerly seven yards at least of 44in. width material was required to make a dress; to-day two or three yards of material of about 50in. wide is all that is necessary, or appears necessary."

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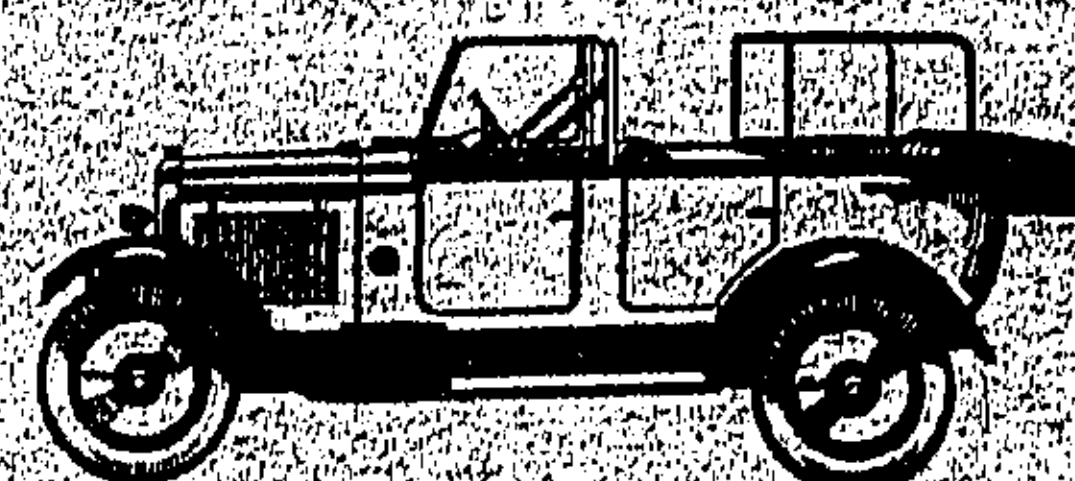
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CUP STRUGGLE.

ONLY FOUR CLUBS LEFT IN NOW.

"JUNIORS" GO UNDER.

Nottingham Forest, who twice drew with Bolton Wanderers in the 5th round of the F.A. Cup are now out of the competition.

In a reply yesterday, at Manchester, says Reuter, Bolton won by the only goal scored.

The draw, therefore, for the semi-final on March 27, is:—

Manchester City v. Manchester United, at Bramall Lane (the ground of Sheffield United).

Swansea Town v. Bolton Wanderers, at White Hart Lane (the ground of Tottenham Hotspur, London).

[Swansea is the only second division club left in the Nottingham Forest also belong to division II. The others are in division I of the league.]

In The League.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 15.

In division III (southern section) of the league, Merthyr lost to Charlton 0-1.

The table now stands:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A. Pts.
Bristol City	33	17	9	7	54 35 43
Reading	32	17	9	6	54 39 43
Plymouth	31	17	7	7	51 55 41
Brighton	30	16	6	8	50 54 38
Millwall	30	14	8	8	51 28 36
Gillingham	33	15	5	13	47 37 35
Southend	31	15	3	13	62 52 33
Swindon	32	14	5	13	50 49 33
Luton	33	13	6	14	62 63 32
Northants	31	13	5	13	63 61 31
Newport	33	12	7	14	48 54 31
Watford	32	12	7	13	52 48 31
Merthyr	33	11	8	14	52 62 30
Brentford	32	13	4	15	55 51 30
Aberdare	31	13	4	14	62 53 30
Bournemouth	32	12	6	14	49 73 30
Charlton	31	9	11	11	35 42 29
Crystal P.	31	13	2	16	52 58 28
Norwich	32	11	5	15	45 58 27
Bristol R.	31	10	6	15	50 52 26
Exeter	32	9	6	17	50 58 24
Q. P. R.	33	5	8	20	29 62 18

WHO IS IT?

JACK DEMPSEY'S NEXT OPPONENT.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 5.

It was reported in sporting circles to-day that Jack Dempsey had agreed to defend his title against Gene Tunney or Paul Berlenbach under Tex Rickard's auspices.

Gibson, manager for Gene Tunney, said to-day that he had agreed with Tex Rickard to match Tunney against Jack Dempsey, but that he had not heard that Dempsey had agreed to the match.

The "Herald Tribune" says to-day that Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney have agreed to meet under the promotion of Tex Rickard in a twelve-round no-decision fight for the heavyweight championship next August.

Chicago, March 7.

Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills will fight in Chicago. If the law legalising boxing is passed by April 1, it was announced to-day. The fight is to be promoted by the Coliseum Athletic Club. Dempsey, who has agreed to the plan, said he was leaving Los Angeles soon and would start training immediately although the fight will not be held until September.

Los Angeles, March 2.

Jack Dempsey, has agreed and signed in his own handwriting to defend his title of heavyweight champion of the world in Los Angeles on Labour Day against Harry Wills, Jack Doyle, Los Angeles promoter, representing a syndicate of real estate and business men, he declared to-day.

Dempsey had agreed to fight Wills here and if the syndicate of Los Angeles men put up the money Dempsey asks, there is nothing to stop the bout, Doyle declared.

The promoter refused to reveal Dempsey's terms, but it was said the champion had asked \$500,000 cash in advance and \$250,000 additional the day he faces the brown panther.

Doyle, who has also been authorized to sign up Wills, said he expected to line up the negro as soon as the syndicate made an initial payment to Dempsey and obtained the use of the Los Angeles Coliseum, seating 140,000 persons, for the proposed bout.

THE TEST TEAM.

EASILY DEFEATS WEST AUSTRALIA.

TWO CENTURIES MADE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Perth, March 15.

The Australian cricket Test team (now on its way to England) beat West Australia by an innings and 45 runs. Score:—

West Australia (1st) 282 runs. Fremantle made 87.

The Test team (1st) 424 runs for 9 wickets, declared. J. M. Taylor (New South Wales) made 148 and W. H. Ponsford (Victoria) 102.

West Australia (2nd) 97 runs.

THE BOAT RACE.

HOW THE RIVAL BLUES COMPARE.

"AHEAD OF THE MAIL."

(via Colombo.)

London, Feb. 25.

Though the Oxford crew does not compare with Cambridge in the matter of facial features, the latter being dubbed the "hand-somest eight" that ever took to the water, the Oxonians have a pronounced superiority sartorially. They appeared at Bournemouth on their initial outing to-day wearing the most enormous "Oxford bags" ever seen.

Coached by Dr. Bouine and using the new boat, they had an hour and a half's outing, setting down well in the new conditions. Pitman acting as stroke.

They appear to have the making of a fine crew though they are not so stalwart as Cambridge.

The latter, coached by Mr. Dudley Ward, have been at Bournemouth since February 22 and are making excellent progress.

Mr. Ward has drastically revised the dieting, totally eliminating sweets. To-day they were subjected to the ordeal of posing for the cinema, slow motion pictures being taken.

COLLINS HOPEFUL.

HONOURED TO CAPTAIN TEST TEAM.

AUSTRALIA'S CHANCES.

(via Colombo.)

Sydney, Feb. 23.

The Australian Cricket Association to-day entertained the Test team.

H. L. Collins said he felt it a great honour to lead the Australian side, particularly as he knew he was backed by a team who were going to play the game in the truest sense of the word.

He realised that the task before them was a hard one, but the players who had toured England before were still as good as ever.

He had great hopes in the new men included in the party.

DAVIS CUP.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS RAISE FUNDS.

TEAM TO COMPETE.

Manila, March 10.

At a recent meeting of the Carnival Association, the members voted to contribute P2,000 toward the expense of sending a Filipino Davis Cup team to the United States.

The funds contributed by the Carnival Association was taken from the P3,000 left over from the P5,000 voted by the association last April for the entertainment of athletes.

The contribution practically assures the Philippines of having at least two representatives in the coming international tennis tournament.—"Manila Bulletin."

ARMY RACQUETS FINAL.

(via Colombo.)

London, Feb. 2.

At Princes' Club, in the final of the Army racquets doubles championship, the Coldstream Guards (the holders) beat the King's Rifles, 15-4, 15-5, 18-16; 4-15, 14-17, 15-10.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS.

(via Colombo.)

London, Feb. 24.

Under rugby union auspices, Cambridge University beat the Royal Navy by 16 points to 10.

The Civil Service beat the Army by 14 points to 9 at Chiswick.

HONG TENNIS.

NARROW VICTORY FOR HONGKONG.

INTER-ELECTRIC MATCH.

(Reuter's Service.)

The Hongkong Electric Recreation Club were "at home" on Sunday afternoon, at Ming Yuen, to the China Light & Power Recreation Club in the third of a series of athletic contests between the two clubs, resulting in "Hongkong" winning by 51 games to 48.

Details as follows (winning team given first):—

Dunbar & Thompson:—

lost to Smith & Hamblin 3-3.

beat Clemo & Davidson 8-3.

beat Forrest & Pym 9-2.

20-13.

R. Smith & Sanderson:—

lost to Smith & Hamblin 2-9.

lost to Clemo & Davidson 4-7.

beat Forrest & Pym 7-4.

14-19.

Paul & Gahagan:—

lost to Smith & Hamblin 5-6.

lost to Clemo & Davidson 5-6.

beat Forrest & Pym 7-4.

17-16.

[Total: Hongkong Electric 51 games, China Light 48 games.]

The score in points to date is:—

C.L.P.R.C. 4, H.E.R.C. 2.

TENNIS SURPRISE.

RUMJAHN LOSES IN OPEN SINGLES.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Probably the biggest surprise in the Hongkong C.C. annual lawn tennis tournament this year was provided yesterday when H. D. Rumjahn was defeated in three straight sets by H. Lo, a much-improved player who has returned from abroad.

Young Rumjahn is one of the best of the Indian R.C. players and is joint holder of the Colony's open doubles title. Yesterday his game was not enough to defeat Lo. Rumjahn was mainly on the offensive but was apt to be inaccurate. Lo was consistent and kept his opponent at bay, although sometimes driven to the baseline.

Several other matches were played in which the tennis was of high standard.

Among the fixtures for to-day—which will depend on the weather—is the open doubles match in which the brothers Ng will appear together.

Yesterday's results follow:—

Open Singles:—(1st round) T. Akiyama beat E. D. Lawrence 6-2, 6-1, 8-6. Ng Sze-cheng beat B. de Pass 6-1, 6-3, 6-4. (2nd round) H. Lo beat H. D. Rumjahn 6-4, 6-4, 7-5. M. W. Lo beat C. Choa 6-0, 6-2, 6-0.

Open Doubles:—(1st round) E. Grimbale and A. S. Hett beat Captain D. J. Allfree and H. C. Gould 4-6, 6-3, 6-0. Captain T. Yamada and T. Rdo beat Captain H. F. Bloxham and R. E. Lindell 8-6, 6-4, 6-1. (2nd round, bye) L. Barnes and G. Miskin beat S. A. and S. S. Hussain 8-6, 6-2, 11-9.

Club Championship:—(1st round) Col. C. Russell Brown beat L. Forster 6-3, 9-7, 6-4. (2nd round, bye) Major W. P. A. Hattersley-Smith beat H. Owen Hughes 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "B":—(1st round) E. J. R. Mitchell (owe 5/6) beat A. Buys (rec 5/6) 6-2, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles:—(1st round) Mr. Justice J. R. Wood and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (rec 2/6) beat H. A. Rodgers and A. E. Eagle (rec 1/5) 6-3, 6-2. Major W. W. Pratt and Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 2/6) beat H. V. Parker and R. P. Moodie (rec 2/6) 6-1, 6-1.

NEW GOLF COURSE.

SHANGHAI'S OPENING CEREMONY.

At a meeting of the committee of the Shanghai Golf Club it was decided formally to open the new golf course on Good Friday. The ceremony will be performed at 2 p.m. by Mr. R. G. MacDonald, president of the Club, and Mr. Sydney Barton, and Mr. Cunningham, British and American consuls-general respectively, will probably assist. An exhibition four ball match will probably be played after the opening ceremony, says the "Shanghai Sunday Times."

The semi-annual match between the St. George's Society and the St. Andrew's Society will be played on April 25. The last match between the two societies had to be postponed on account of the weather.

GENEVA PUZZLES.

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF POSITION.

LOOKING FOR A WAY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 15.

The informal meeting of the Council has concluded. No solution has yet been found, and the Council is meeting again this afternoon.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, after the Council, said that the situation was more hopeful.

Brazil Unwavering.

Geneva, later.

Owing to Brazil's unwavering determination to any proposal that Germany should become a permanent member of the League Council unless Brazil is given a permanent seat, it is understood that the Council and the League are jointly appealing to Rio de Janeiro by cable.

"All Well."

Geneva, later.

M. Paul Boncour, interviewed by Reuter, expressed the opinion that "All will go well."

The League Council is expected to meet again on Thursday.

REVIVED HOPES?

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 15.

The prospects of an agreement being achieved were again revived in Geneva to-day. There was this morning a further private meeting of the League Council, at which fresh suggestions were considered for overcoming the difficulties with which that body is faced.

In view of revived hopes of finding a solution the meeting of the League Assembly convened for to-morrow was postponed until Wednesday, so that a little more time might be given to the search for an agreement.

It is understood that the latest proposal is based upon a rearrangement of the temporary seats in the Council, and avoids the creation during the present League session of any fresh seats, either temporary or permanent, other than that to be given to Germany.

It is reported that among the nations at present on the Council opposition to the proposal is confined to Brazil, but earnest hopes are being expressed among other delegations that she will be persuaded to depart from this isolation and will finally assist in a solution, which if not idealistic, is at least acceptable to the other Council delegates.

EARLIER, CABLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 14.

The situation at Geneva remains sombre, no progress being registered on Sunday. Toward the end of the day, however, a certain amount of diplomatic activity was apparent, but there were no signs of anything to come from it.

Viscount Ishii, meanwhile, is making a strong effort in the role of intermediary, and is reconciling the divergent views.

The London Press is generally restrained in its comments, all deploring the damage to the League through the events of the past few days.

The "Telegraph" supports the German standpoint, especially its offer to agree to the appointment of a commission to report on the problem of the reconstitution of the Council in September. The paper says that this coincides with the steadily growing wish among many League members for reform.

The "Chronicle" urges the delegates to retrace their steps and show that the Locarno Treaty is not "A Scrap of Paper."

Sir Austen Chamberlain is still being criticised in some quarters.

"A Tropical Swamp."

London, March 14.

"The whole of Europe rumbles with threats and counter-threats," says the "Daily Express." This imbroglio is, seething with suspensions, intrigues, bargains and deceptions like a tropical swamp festering with disease. The poison is the result of the vaunted Locarno method. Geneva's chance is to forget Locarno and be Geneva."

The "Times" says that the heavens will not fall to-morrow whatever the Assembly does. The League is of great potential value, but nothing is to be gained by exaggerating its present functions and powers or assuming that the fate of the world depends entirely on this novel and hopeful experiment.

Gloom Prevails.

Geneva, March 14.

The second week of the Conference opened in the gloomiest position, hopes against hope, but the future is most uncertain.

No one here expects a meeting this morning, and to know whether there would be a meeting or not to-day, but at 10.30 the Council met at a secret and informal session.

Even Pressmen are tired of making forecasts, but those in touch with the Germans early this morning, attributed to Dr. Stresemann the expression of belief that the difficulty would be settled to-day, though Dr. Stresemann omitted to indicate in what quarter the change of attitude was likely to occur.

Dr. Stresemann has informed the German Pressmen that he was officially informed that Sweden had resigned her seat in the Council to leave room for Poland. He explained that the Swedish representative, M. Unden, had been under the cross fire of both sides; and anyhow since Sweden had been four years on the Council, there should be a change.

Dr. Stresemann added that Sweden's proposal should have been submitted to the Council yesterday, but at the request of Sweden it was only brought up to-day.

Dr. Stresemann declared that this made a difficult situation for Germany, and said that there were still two possibilities but he declined to enlarge on them. He vehemently protested against the attack of the German Nationalists, and said that he would remain at Geneva until the last moment.

Only an Offer.

Geneva, later.

This afternoon the German delegation modified its previous statement. It declared that Sweden, not resign, but offered to resign, and others may make similar suggestions.

Although these are not concrete proposals, it is thought possible that a solution may be found and the idea proved fruitful.

French circles declare that the Germans are willing to consent to a solution which will not mean any increase in the Council.

SOVIET WAY.

TSAR'S MURDERERS RECEIVE PENSIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Riga, March 14.

A message from Moscow says that in connection with the celebration of the 46th anniversary of the assassination of Alexander the Second, the Soviet has given life pensions to all surviving participants in the murder, numbering about fifteen, all of whom were serving life sentences in Siberia until the revolution.

SERIOUS FIRE.

TWO FIREMEN KILLED AND 15 INJURED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Lille, March 15.

A serious fire at the Tourcoing warehouses destroyed enormous stocks of wool and cotton. The damage is estimated at 5,000,000 francs.

Two firemen were killed and 15 injured owing to a collapse of the roof.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

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On Paris	8.10
On demand	15.80
Credit, 6 months sight	16.0
On Berlin	nom.
On demand	nom.
On New York	nom.
On demand	87 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	88 1/2
On Bombay	150 1/2
On demand	150 1/2
On Calcutta	nom.
On demand	nom.
On Shanghai	110 1/2
On demand	nom.
30 days sight (private paper)	nom.
On Yokohama	110 1/2
On demand	110 1/2
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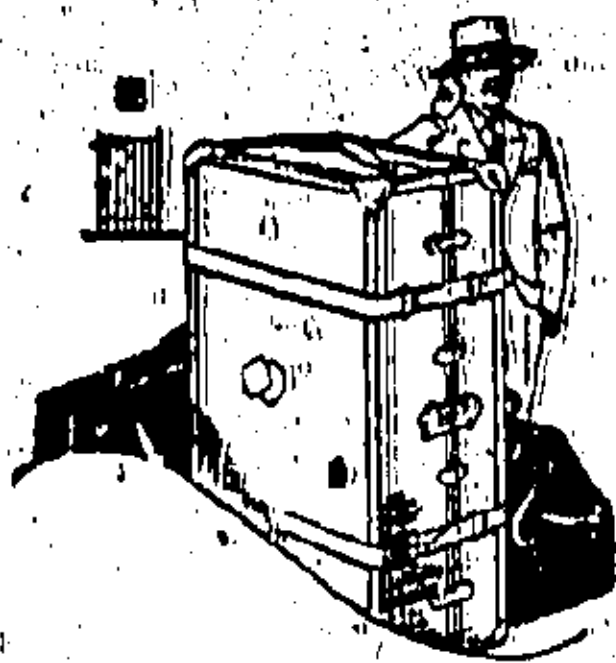
LONDON EXCHANGES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 15.

Paris	135
New York	48 1/16
Bombay	117 1/2
Geneva	95 1/2
Amsterdam	12 1/2
Milan	20 1/2
Berlin	18 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2
Oslo	18 1/2
Vienna	31 1/2
Frankfurt	100
Hamburg	100
Madrid	44 1/2
Lisbon	9 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	7 1/2
Buenos Aires	44 1/2
Santiago	100
Shanghai	110 1/2
Hongkong	110 1/2
Yokohama	110 1/2
Singapore	110 1/2
Manila	110 1/2
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Paul Bencoe, a prominent New York lawyer, was seriously injured in a peculiar accident. The button came off his opponent's rapier and the sharp steel shaft penetrated Bencoe's lung.



IRENE PRYZLA, 3.

Judge Brennan of Detroit has adopted the unique means of determining to whom to award little Irene Pryzla (three years of age). Mrs. Julie Goosan Pryzla, the mother, gave the child to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Irene Goosan, at birth and has just reclaimed it. Judge Brennan told the women neither could have it. A concealed movie camera recorded the emotion each showed. He will award little Irene to the one who seemed most affected by his ruling.



JOHN DUVAL DODGE

John Duval Dodge, son of the late John F. Dodge, has lost his fight in the Detroit Probate Court to share in the profits of the sale of the Dodge Brothers' motor plant to Dillon, Read & Co.



WILDA BENNETT & CHARLES FREY

Wilda Bennett, a musical comedy star, who recently lost a \$7,400 alienation suit brought by Mrs. Charles Frey, concerning her husband, Charles Frey, surprised Frey by suddenly marrying Pope De Albro, the Argentine dancer, shown in inset.



COLONEL WILLIAM N. HASSELL

The appointment of Colonel William N. Haskell as commander of the New York National Guard has brought a strong protest from the American Defence Society. Colonel Haskell, for several years, was head of the American Relief Commission in Russia.



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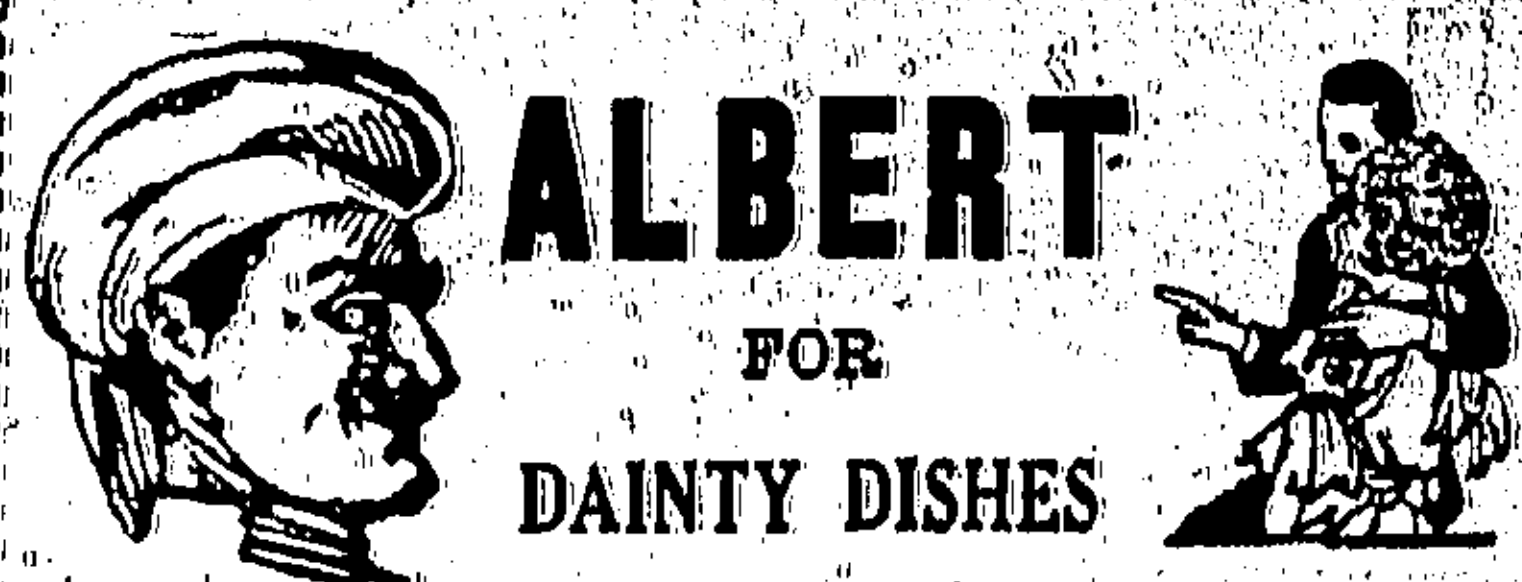
Sarojini Karda, president of the Congress of India, recently presided at the opening of the Congress at Cawnpore. Professor H. Augustine Smith, Boston University, has dedicated his new home to "abolishment of divorce." Harold Ashlyn White, the noted big game hunter, has started on a three-year trip to Tibet, India and Abyssinia. Chase S. Osborn, the millionaire and former Governor of Michigan, offered to take the place of former Governor Warren McCray of Indiana, reported ill at Atlanta penitentiary.

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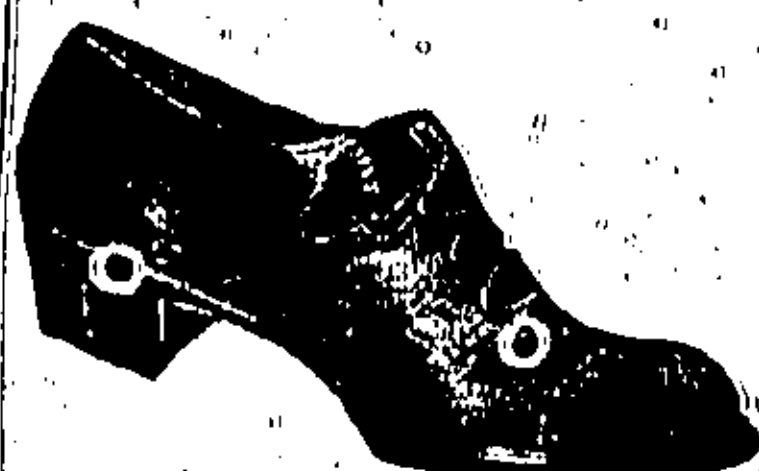
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TERRIBLE FIGHT

**POLICE OVERPOWER GANG OF
 BANDITS.**

VICTIM RESCUED.

The most sensational encounter the police of Shanghai have had with armed kidnapers for many years took place shortly after twilight on March 8, at a house situated near the Old West Gate, Chinese City, when between one and two hundred members of the Shanghai Municipal Police, the Chinese police and the Merchants Protection Corps joined forces and routed out a desperate gang of Chinese gunmen who for several hours resisted the attack by the police and were only overpowered after a thrilling and bloody encounter.

Three of the desperadoes were killed outright and several others wounded during the encounter, reports the "Shanghai Mercury," while only one member of the attacking force sustained any injury, he being a native police sergeant who was slightly injured in the leg. Nearly a dozen arrests were made, including several women and in addition the rescue of the compradore of the Ewo Cotton Mill—information of whose whereabouts led to the raid—was effected after his having been in the hands of the kidnapers since the morning of February 8, at which time he was abducted by a gang of armed men and carried off in a motor-car from his house at No. 212, Myburgh Road. A Chinese chauffeur who was compelled by the gang to drive the car which carried off the compradore at the time of his abduction, was also rescued in the raid.

The raid, though expected to be quite exciting, as all such raids are to the police, was never expected to assume the proportions which it did. It was originally in the hands of Detective Sergeant Douglas, P. C. Campbell and a squad of Chinese detectives from West Hongkew Police Station who—as the affair was to take place in Chinese territory—were joined by several members of the native police.

RECEIVED A SURPRISE.

Information was in the hands of the raiding party that the missing compradore was being kept in the house in question and here Detective Douglas led his men in the rescue. He did not, however, anticipate the hot reception which awaited him.

Entering the house the rescue party were met by a hail of bullets which sent them into cover at once. The house was immediately surrounded and a fire of deadly proportions was directed at the hidden bandits who continued to pour lead at the police in frantic fashion, using up hundreds of rounds of ammunition without, fortunately, much effect. The police returned the fire, but soon realised that they were

up against no ordinary resistance and also that they would probably require more ammunition than they carried.

MORE AMMUNITION NEEDED.

In consequence of which an emergency call was sent in to headquarters for more ammunition and upon the arrival of this the attack upon the kidnapers' stronghold was renewed. The house was completely surrounded by between one and two hundred police and a fierce battle raged between the law and the outlawed which lasted well into the afternoon.

During the fight grave fears were held for the safety of the compradore as it was believed that the bandits seeing that they were about to fall into the hands of the police would murder him out of revenge.

Mounted upon the roofs of the adjoining houses, the attacking force poured a murderous fire into the improvised fort of the outlaws and the latter soon showed signs of the demoralising effects of the lead. A vast amount of ammunition was used by both sides and judging by the continued fire of the bandits they must have had a huge store of spare ammunition.

Of the three kidnapers killed in the encounter two were slain in the house first attacked while the third met his end in an endeavour to escape across the roof of an adjoining house. His appearance on the roof was the signal for an outburst of police fire and he collapsed upon the tiles riddled with bullets.

TWO ESCAPE.

The gang who occupied the house were five in number. On Sunday, March 7, the authorities took into custody six men whom they suspected of being concerned in the abduction of the compradore. Information gathered from these was responsible for the raid. Two members of the gang escaped in the excitement, but it is more the rule than the exception in these cases that when part of a gang has been captured the arrest of the others is a matter of course.

The compradore was found none the worse for his adventure and he has to thank the two Settlement detectives for his restoration to liberty safe and sound for had they not taken their lives in their hands by rushing into the house in face of a storm of deadly pistol fire the kidnapers undoubtedly would have killed the old man.

ESCAPED GANGSTER ARRESTED.
 On March 9, at the Mixed Court one male and two female Chinese appeared before the American Assessor, (Mr. Hamilton) and Magistrate Loh in connection with the above sensational events. They were Wong Ching-shang (30) the male member, Lee Zung-sz (28) and Woo Tsue-sz (25) who were charged by the West Hongkew Police Station.

with armed abduction of the Ewo compradore stated above as having been restored to his family. The first accused Wong is at present in the Police Hospital under guard suffering from bullet wounds in the thigh and thumb which he sustained in the grim battle. Wong was one of the men reported to have escaped during the fight. He was captured in an adjacent house within two and a half hours after the rescue of the kidnapped compradore. The two women were taken into custody almost simultaneously as being accomplices.

At the request of the police the accused were remanded in custody to appear before the Court on March 10, at a special hearing to be held when all the men and women arrested in connection with this affair were to come up for trial upon charges of armed abduction, being members of an organised gang of armed kidnapers, etc.

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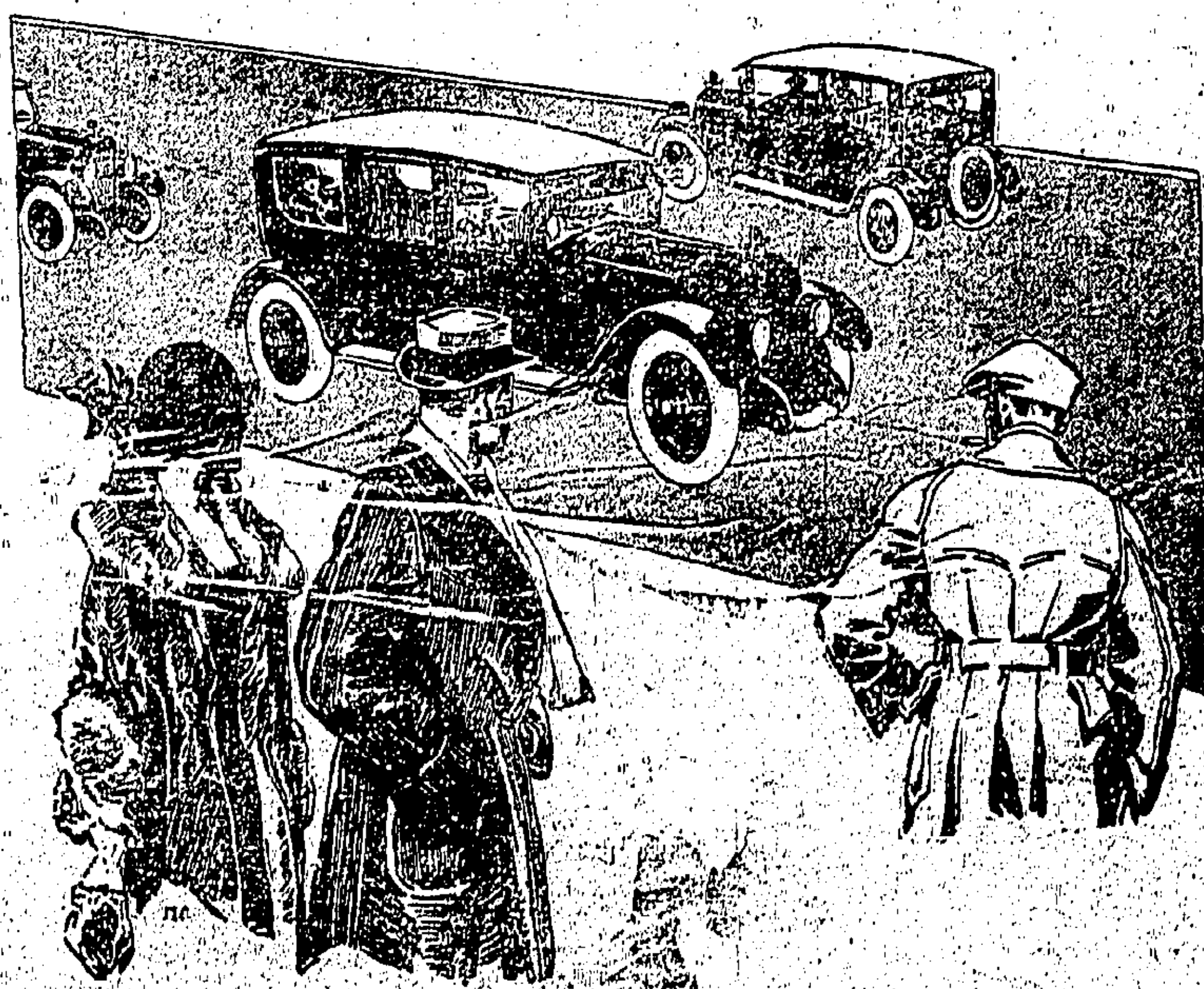
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